

## NEWS

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## SPORTS

### Four players reach double figures in 57-45 league win



The GHS varsity boys basketball squad won by 12, 57-45, in a Lake Michigan Conference contest vs. the visiting Harbor Springs Rams on Friday night.

"This game was a grind defensively. I thought we did a nice job of defending in the middle quarters of the game. Tom Burrell was outstanding in the game. I was also pleased with the balanced scoring that we had in this contest," Coach Rich Moffit said.

Grayling (10-3 overall, 6-2 league) will host Kalkaska on Friday, Feb. 10. **Page 11**

### Wrestling team finishes 2nd in league

Grayling High School's wrestling team ended its 2012 league season with the Lake Michigan Conference championship tournament on Saturday, finishing in second place as a group and winning five individual league titles. Kalkaska hosted the tournament.

"This is the best we've wrestled against St. Francis this year," Coach Andy Moore said. "I am very pleased with the outcome of this tournament and it looks like we are ready for a great postseason." **Page 19**

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## Winter festival features big air competition

Grayling Recreation Authority's 2012 Winter Fun Days festival – an event held this past weekend at Hanson Hills – featured a variety of activities, including a big air competition for skiers and snowboarders, a swimsuit slalom, a chili cookoff, and free skiing, among others. Above, Cal Salisbury takes one of his three jumps during Saturday's big air competition. Below, skier Camden Summers gets airborne during the event. See Page 12 for more on the 2012 big air competition.



## Man fatally shot by deputy

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A Grayling man was shot and killed after he allegedly lunged with a knife at police and Department of Human Service (DHS) employees Friday, who were taking his child into protective custody.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said the situation started earlier on Friday, Feb. 3, when a Grayling Police Department officer was called to a disturbance at the Grayling Pines Apartments.

After contacting the man, the officer left, but returned with DHS employees who were checking on the well being of a child who was living with his father at the apartment. The apartments are located by the Grayling Nursing and Rehab Center and behind the Milltown Plaza.

An altercation ensued, which became verbally heated, when the man refused to let the DHS employee take his son.

The DHS employees and the Grayling Police Officer left, and sought a court order to take the child into protective custody. The order was granted by the Crawford County Probate Court.

Since the earlier altercation, the Grayling City Police Officer requested a Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy help serve the court order.

Wakefield said the situation became heated again. The man refused to let authorities take his son, who was near his side.

Police officers had their Tasers drawn. A DHS employee was going to attempt to remove the child from the father's custody.

A DHS employee then alerted police that the man was brandishing a knife as he lunged forward. The Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy holstered his Taser, and drew his firearm, firing one fatal round. The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene. The shooting occurred around 4:30 p.m. Friday, Wakefield said.

Wakefield said proper protocols were followed by authorities, especially given the tight confines of the apartment.

"They were all in very close quarters," Wakefield said.

The case has been turned over to the Michigan State Police for the investigation of the incident, since it would be a conflict of interest for the Grayling City Police Department or Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

"The most important point is the child is safe and is in protective custody," See **MAN FATALLY** | Pg. 7

## Northern Michigan Free Tax Service is here to help

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A group of volunteers, who have been filing taxes for senior citizens for the last several years, is branching out to help low-income citizens get the money they are owed from the government.

Northern Michigan Free Tax Service gained its status as a 501-C3 entity in late 2011. The organization was founded by Ron Gribb, other volunteer tax preparers and a board of directors representing volunteers and community agencies.

Since 2004, volunteer tax preparers have been filing tax returns for the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA), through the Internal Revenue Service's IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Last year, VITA volunteers filed 331 tax returns.

After the 2011 year ended, volunteers decided to broaden their horizons. They had prepared tax forms for 80 percent of the

seniors in Crawford County, which accounts for only 30 percent of the county's population.

Volunteers tried to reach out to others last year, by placing posters at the Michigan Works office, the Department of Human Services (DHS) office and other locations in Grayling.

Crawford County's population of people 45-years-old and younger, accounts for 40 percent of the population. Only 10 percent of those eligible, however, took advantage of the free tax preparation last year, Gribb said.

Since the VITA program is offered to individuals and families, who earn less than \$60,000, volunteers sought a more high profile location to offer its services.

The DHS office, which makes referrals for the free tax service, did not have space. The Michigan Works office offered space, but the Grayling location is located out of the way in the Grayling Industrial Park and has limited hours, Gribb

said.

Gribb said libraries across the state have hosted the VITA program, and the Crawford County Library System agreed to allow tax preparers to hold hours at the library.

The volunteers will be on hand at the Devereaux Crawford County Library throughout the tax season on Thursday and Friday.

Volunteers will also assist residents at the Denton Township Hall in Prudenville.

Gribb stressed that volunteers would continue to serve senior citizens, and will be allowed to maintain office space at the Grayling Senior Center.

"Their charge is here and doing it for the seniors," Gribb said of the Grayling Senior Center "We're not giving up on the seniors at all."

Eventually, the Northern Michigan Free Tax Service would like to have its own office space for the tax season.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Northern Michigan Free Tax Service gained its status as a 501-C3 entity in late 2011. The organization was founded by Ron Gribb, other volunteer tax preparers, and a board of directors representing volunteers and community agencies. Above, Gribb is pictured in the offices that tax preparers use at the Grayling Senior Center.



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Local attorneys Adam Vernon and Jason Thompson will talk with seniors about guardianship, conservatorship, wills and power of attorney forms from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22. Matt Larson, from Mobile Medical Response, will also

be on hand to talk to seniors about do not resuscitate orders.

Attorney David Shultz will address seniors about Medicaid eligibility and the new estate recovery law from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28.

A program about assistive technology, which will cover anything that makes it easier for seniors to do things, will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26.

Finally, Janet McInnis, from the Michigan Commission for the Blind, will discuss visual aides with seniors from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on May 24.

In addition, the Grayling Senior Center will remain open during evening hours a couple of nights a week and on Saturday morning. The change was made to accommodate seniors who still work and are involved in other activities and organizations in the community.

The evening hours will go hand-in-hand with the Moving Forward program.

"Since we're offering something and the building will be open, people can still come in and utilize the computers and other things," Snyder said.

The COA has the ability to add services and expand staff thanks to a millage,

which was supported by voters in August 2010. The new hours will be scheduled after testing the waters.

"We're just getting the ball rolling, getting some new staff on board and getting some new programs together," Snyder said.

The COA is also stepping up its advocacy on behalf of seniors locally and in Lansing.

Specifically, COA officials are lobbying to get a package of elder abuse laws passed in Lansing.

"I think it's just a matter of time before it gets past," Snyder said.

Not only are seniors being mentally and physically abused, they are also being victimized in other ways.

"Financial exploitation has been increasing the last several years," Snyder said.

Karl Schreiner, the senior advocacy and resource coordinator for the COA, is on hand at the Grayling Senior Center to help senior address Medicare and Medicaid issues and other issues that crop up. He also can assist seniors seeking food stamps, which allows low-income seniors to avoid the stigma of having to go to the Michigan Department of Human Services office.

As the 2012 year elections approach, Snyder said the Grayling Senior Center

would host candidate forums and educational sessions for proposals.

"Seniors vote and we want them to be educated," Snyder said.

There are no plans for the COA to go back to voters to help fund a new senior center.

In August 2009, Crawford County voters rejected a proposal to move to Grayling Senior Center to the Grayling Fish Hatchery and another proposal for a new building on property located across from the hatchery.

Snyder said senior center staff schedules programs and meetings around the busiest times to best utilize the space inside and outside the building.

"We have space issues but we have bigger parking issues," Snyder said.

Snyder is working on a business plan to find a new location for the senior center along with gathering costs on what it would take to maintain new facilities.

Meanwhile, Snyder said she is encouraging seniors who bring concerns to her about space and activities to take them to the COA Board.

"This pretty much needs to come from them," Snyder said.

## Northern Michigan Free Tax Service is here to help

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"We would like some

place semi-permanent, where we could hang our hat," Gribb said.

Gribb said the volunteers do not aim to take away business from paid tax preparers. They only file simple tax forms for federal and state returns, property tax credits and home heating credits for homeowners and renters. More complex tax issues are referred to paid tax preparers.

Gribb said the Northern Michigan Free Tax Service is here to help people who feel uneasy about doing their own taxes and may be able to get them a better return than paying for a tax software package and added fees.

"We fill that gap," Gribb said. "There are a lot of people that are nervous about doing taxes. They just don't want to bother with it."

Since the tax service

gained its non-profit status late last year, they were not able to apply for grants for equipment and supplies.

"Everything we have is either out of our pockets or donated equipment," Gribb said.

There is no fee charged to residents who get their taxes done.

"We don't seek donations because that's not what we are here for," Gribb said.

Northern Michigan Free Tax Service, however, is seeking donations such as equipment, paper, ink cartridges and other supplies from area businesses. Volunteers are also being sought to help with the interview process before clients meet with the tax preparers.

Gribb retired as a salaried employee from General Motors in 1994. Early on in his career, Gribb helped

develop crash test equipment and scenarios to make automobiles safer.

Gribb also did contract work for the Corvette plant, helping make the popular model one of the most reliable cars on the market when he was a consultant.

A lifelong volunteer, Gribb has done his own taxes, had a small business preparing tax returns and worked for H & R Block for a couple of years.

"I enjoyed doing the taxes," Gribb said. "If you're an engineering-type person, you work with numbers and I enjoyed working with numbers."

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# Fire destroys apartments

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A fire destroyed a home, which contained three apartments, in Grayling last Thursday.

The Grayling Fire Department was dispatched to an apartment structure fire at 8:26 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2.

The home, where the apartments are located, is at 207 Alger Street.

Two of the apartments were rented and the other remained empty said Grayling Fire Department Chief Russell Strohpaul Jr.

One of the renters was taken to Mercy Hospital Grayling for treatment for burns, but the extent of his injuries was unknown as of Monday, Strohpaul said.

"He was in the ambulance or being transferred to the hospital before we arrived on the scene," Strohpaul said.

The home, which is owned by people who live near Kewadin, was insured. The tenants, however, did not have renter's insurance.

Strohpaul said the fire

destroyed the two apartments in the top half of the house, and the apartment on the lower level sustained heavy smoke damage and some water damage. He believes the home was a total loss due to the extensive damage.

"It was pretty much all engulfed when we arrived on scene," Strohpaul said. "It was a real fight right from the start."

Firefighters remained on the scene until 2:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 3.

The Grayling Fire Department was assisted by Grayling City Police, the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department, Mobile Medical Response and Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies.

Grayling City Manager/Police Chief Doug Baum said the Grayling Police Department, Grayling Fire Department and Michigan State Police Fire Marshal are still investigating the blaze. The cause of the fire has not been determined, but does appear to be suspicious, Baum said.



Photo courtesy of Grayling Police Department  
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The Grayling Baptist Church has established a fund to help Will Jones and Crystal Edwards, who are church members and lost everything they owned in the fire.

Anyone who would like to give to the "Jones Fire Fund" can send donations to

the Grayling Baptist Church, 705 Madsen St., Grayling, MI 49738. Donations can also be made at Citizens Bank in care of the Grayling Baptist Jones Fire Fund, 305 East Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

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# Issues and Opinions



## Almanack

by Richard Milliman

### Governor offers headlines to newspaper folks

AFTER REVIEWING reports on Gov. Rick Snyder's session with Michigan newspaper folks at their annual convention recently, I get the impression Mr. Snyder has become genuinely comfortable in his role as governor.

Michigan governors always are invited and usually appear at the annual convention of the Michigan Press Association (MPA) to deliver a kickoff luncheon address.

Past governors often have used the platform for important revelations about the state of Michigan affairs and what he/she plans to do about them, frequently hauling along charts and graphs, or using slide shows or power point presentations to help get across their ideas.

Not this year. Not Rick Snyder. He was much more informal – and without a necktie, of course.

Gov. Snyder primarily talked not from a prepared speech but from notes, and split his time about equally between putting forth his

message and then giving ad lib answers to questions from the audience.

The Q and A part of a governor's show usually is the most popular part of the presentation, but often is limited to an answer or two before the governor runs off to another obligation or wherever governors go after they give a formalized speech.

GOV. SNYDER, however, did offer newspaper oriented comments to the newspaper folks. A wrap-up of the convention in the weekly MPA Bulletin carried this report:

"Gov. Rick Snyder tried to sell the state's newspaper publishers five headlines he expects to see this year:

"1. Michigan leading the country in customer service government.

"2. Michigan showing leadership by having 21st century transportation system.

"3. Silos start to come down as state recognizes the three c's: creating talent,

collaboration and connecting in its education system.

"4. Michigan has a plan to make Detroit great again and it's not just a financial plan.

"5. Michigan is a jobs leader again."

I don't quite understand what "customer service government" really means, and I needed help interpreting "silos," which apparently means that the various elements that contribute to the overall process of learning, speaking in a broad sense, too often operate only in separate "silos" instead of coordinating efforts. That makes sense.

All these headlined goals, of course, will require state leadership to help accomplish, and I guess that's what Gov. Snyder has in mind that he will offer.

These goals also will require agreement and cooperation by the legislature and the various Michigan publics to follow his lead and work together toward the same ends.

That may not be so easy

to pull off.

DISCLAIMER – For 40 years or so, as an active newspaper writer or publisher, I always looked forward to the annual MPA convention. My attendance in recent years has been intermittent, and I did not attend this year, but for this essay I talked to some news folks who did.

SUPER BOWL – I've concluded that the Super Bowl is professional football's contribution to an unfilled American need for a national mid-winter festival to bridge the gap and dispel the public blahs between Christmas-New Year celebrations and the wonders of springtime.

More than football enthusiasts embrace the Super Bowl, including many who pay little heed to the game itself but are hardy partiers anyway. In a very real sense, Super Bowl has filled this national void.

According to figures released during Super Bowl

week by the Calorie Control Council and the Snack Food Association (which of course may be entirely fictitious groups invented for the sole purpose of providing statistics and gaining publicity), Americans were expected to consume mass quantities of mostly useless calories on Super Bowl Sunday, to wit: 11.2 million pounds of potato chips, 8.2 million pounds of tortilla chips, 4.3 million pounds of pretzels, 3.8 million pounds of popcorn and 2.5 million pounds of nuts.

In my research, I could find no similar figures for consumption of pizza, nor for the amounts of beer, carbonated soft drinks, liquors and wine guzzled during our national midwinter blast.

LATIN SOLUTION – No longer am I mystified by the Roman numerals applied to the annual Super Bowl game, such as Super Bowl XLVI this year.

In English, I now know, that means the 46th Super Bowl.

In Latin, I learned, X is 10, L is 50, V is 5, and I is 1. To the uninformed, this would seem to be 66 (X plus L plus V plus I). But that's not the way Roman numerals work.

When the X precedes the L, it is subtracted, so XL means 40.

When the I follows the V, it is added, so VI means 6.

Therefore, XLVI is 46.

Maybe I knew all this at one time. If so, I forgot it.

My thanks for this late-life Latin lesson goes to a long time friend who spent some time in seminary studies before deciding the priesthood wasn't his calling. Instead, he became a newspaper reporter, which worked out just fine for him. He probably would have been a good priest, too.

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## Viewpoint

By Bill Cook, Forester and Biologist  
MSU Extension, Upper Peninsula

### Forest Composition

What's the most common tree in Michigan? Sugar maple. Followed by red maple, cedar, quaking aspen, and red oak. These five species make-up nearly half the volume in the forest. In fact, if you can identify the ten most common tree species, you'll know three out of four trees you run across.

However, these species do not have geographically even distributions. Sugar maple, cedar, and red oak are rather particular about the site upon which they will grow. On the other hand, red maple and quaking aspen occupy a wide spectrum of sites and grow almost anywhere. Tamarack is common in the north, but you'll be hard-pressed to find a tulip poplar above mid-Michigan.

Various sites support different mixes of tree species. These mixes are called forest types. There are 36 forest types in Michigan, according U.S. Forest Service definitions and inventory data. Throughout these 36 types are 72 tree species recorded, although you could probably find more.

Forests cover about half of Michigan, although their distribution is mostly a northern land cover. Much of the southern Michigan forest has been replaced by farms and cities. The twenty million acre forest resource is one of the largest and richest in the United States.

The most common Michigan forest type is "northern hardwoods", where nearly half the volume is sugar maple. Common associates in northern hardwood types

include red maple, basswood, beech, yellow birch, and hemlock. Two-thirds of the northern hardwood acreage lies in the Upper Peninsula. No other U.P. forest type comes close in frequency, although the next most common forest type is cedar.

The northern lower peninsula, northern hardwoods is also the most common forest type, but aspen and oak types come close. Red oak and bigtooth aspen become a common northern hardwoods associate, which are less common in the U.P. northern hardwoods.

The northern lower peninsula oak types are largely composed of red oak, white oak, red maple, black oak, and northern pin oak. These five species make up over three-quarters of the volume in oak types.

The northern lower peninsula aspen type consists mostly of bigtooth aspen, quaking aspen, and red maple. White pine and red oak are reasonably well represented, too.

The majority of pine forest types (red, jack, white) occur in the northern lower peninsula, about a million acres. Half of this is red pine. Among the pine types, most of the jack pine and red pine volume is found in its respective forest type. However, the majority of white pine is mixed with other forest types, such as red pine, aspen, northern hardwoods, and oaks.

The forest types with the greatest number of tree species are aspen, mixed upland hardwoods, and northern hardwoods. Forest types with the fewest

tree species are swamp conifers and the pines. However, this varies by region. The western U.P. forests are much different than the southern Michigan forests, even within the same forest types.

The set of most common tree species in the eastern and western U.P. are different. Both of the U.P. sets are different than those in the northern lower peninsula, and the southern lower peninsula has yet another set. All four sets differ from the statewide top ten. For example, even though sugar maple is the most common tree species, statewide; it ranks number eight in the southern counties.

While statewide average statistics sometimes have value, it's important to understand that averages cannot describe variability across the landscape, nor will they necessarily describe what's around your town.

Forest composition is but one factor in defining the diversity of Michigan's forest. However, it well demonstrates the variability. The complex nature of our forests becomes clear when other factors are added-in, such as age classes, stand densities, patch sizes, size classes, and physical structure. And that's just talking about the trees.

A forest owner needs to know about their particular forest for better appreciation or to manage the forest. Forest enthusiasts can delight in the variability across the state. And, of course, forest management practices will vary almost as much as the forest does.

## Historically Speaking



The above photo with two baseball players is at the Crawford County Museum without any identification. The photograph states Geo. H. Bonnell, Grayling, Mich. at the bottom with no year or other information. If you recognize any of the people in this photo or have any other clues please share your information. Send your responses to: Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738 or email to: [avalanche@i2k.net](mailto:avalanche@i2k.net)

## AVALANCHE DEADLINES

**Community Briefs** items submitted to the Crawford County Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

**Photographs** must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

**News items and letters** should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced. Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

**Classified ads** by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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**Full page, half page, or color display ads** must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

**The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.**



# Briefs

## Pancake Breakfast to be held

The Grayling Lions Club will hold their second annual Pancake breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the American Legion. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, juice and milk. There will also be a silent auction and a 50-50 drawing. Donations will be accepted at the door.

## COA to hold First Aid course

The COA and Senior Center will present the second in a series of safety topics for seniors, The Basics of First Aid. How do you handle a burn? If someone is bleeding, what can I do to help? Many people are not certain of what to do in emergency situations. This free presentation will be on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. at 308 Lawndale Street in Grayling. For additional information, call 989-348-7123.

## Booksale to be held

A Winter Booksale sponsored by the Crawford County Friends of the Library, will be held on Feb. 14, 15, 16 and 17, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 18, 9 a.m. - noon - \$2 per bag.

## Photographic Society to meet

The Grayling Photographic Society will meet on Monday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Citizens Bank building, across from the post office. Park in the rear, enter rear door, then down the stairs. This meeting is the bimonthly photo competition, with the subject "Children". Guests are welcome, but competition entries are limited to members. Questions, call Stan at 256-603-7143 (cell).

## TEFAP food distribution to be held

TEFAP quarterly surplus food distribution will be held on Monday, Feb. 13, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the American Legion, 106 James St. Use back door, do not come early, doors will open at 1 p.m. Client must bring one type of identification, showing residential address.

## Band boosters to hold meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. Parents of band students are encouraged to attend and become involved in activities that support the instrumental music program for all Grayling schools.

## Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to [crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://crawfordcountyavalanche.com), click on community and go to the community calendar.

## Library News

Family Movie Matinee will be held on Saturday at Devereaux Memorial Library on Feb. 11 at 1:30 p.m. Get into the swim of things with our feature presentation "Dolphin Tale" starring Harry Connick Jr. Sign up for this inspiring true story, fun for the whole family...popcorn included! The Friends of the Crawford County Library are hosting a Winter Book Sale at Devereaux Memorial Library. Sale dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday, Feb. 14 through Thursday, Feb. 16 - 9 a.m. till 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 17, 9 a.m. till 6 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 18 - 9 a.m. till noon. Stop by the library and purchase some good books at great prices! Sit n' Knit @ Night will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 5 p.m. (meet in the fly fishing section during book sale). Celebrate Valentine's Day doin' what you love...knitting.

## Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Feb. 10 - Lunch - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts and peaches. No Dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 12 p.m. Frederic/Maple Forest Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo, Pool - 9 Ball.

Monday, Feb. 13 - Lunch - beef goulash, cauliflower, peas and grapes. Dinner - liver and onions, mashed potatoes, carrots and peaches. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 p.m. Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1 p.m. - 3 pm. TEFAP at American Legion, 1:30 p.m. clogging, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 - Lunch - lemon pepper chicken with noodles, carrots, peas and sliced apples. Dinner - swiss steak with gravy, parsley redskins, Brussels sprouts and plums. 10 a.m. Bible Study and Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Feb. 15 - Lunch - hamburger on a bun, lettuce, tomato, potato salad, baked beans, watermelon and watermelon. Dinner - breaded cod, cole slaw, green beans, applesauce and carrot cake. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool-Ball in Hand, Wii Bowling and Mahjong.

Thursday, Feb. 16 - Lunch - pork roast with stuffing, peas and carrots and pineapple. Valentine's Day Dinner - baked meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, succotash corn blend, pineapple and cherries and strawberry shortcake. 10 a.m. crafting and Pokeno, 11 a.m. S.A.F.E. first aid basics, 12 p.m. school bond election presentation, 1 p.m. UNO Attack, UnLucky 7's and pool - 8 Ball, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Valentine's Day Dinner.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 73 complaints the week of Jan. 30 - Feb. 5.

Fifteen general non-criminal complaints, two false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/stalking, two larcenies, one fraudulent activities, two damage to property complaints, one drug/narcotic violations, five peace/disorderly complaints, one portable signal preemption device, four health and safety complaints, one conservation, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, six miscellaneous arrests, eight

traffic accidents, two accidents-non traffic, one traffic violations-civil infraction, one hazardous condition, one inspection-property, one investigation-family

trouble and nine investigations-family trouble.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

## Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 5 of \$25 each: Loretta Tobin, Jann Besonen, Mark Bryans, Nancy Stiver and Jody Coors.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle on Feb. 3 was Jackie Norcross.



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# The Bible Speaks

## Don't Please Self

Chapter 15 of Romans continues the theme of Chapter 14 about how to deal with non-essential things not clearly defined in the Bible. The strong who understand Bible truth are not to despise the weak, but neither are the weak to judge the strong. In Romans 15:1 the strong are told to help the weak: "I We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." The word "infirmities" is translated from a Greek word which means "a scruple of conscience." The responsibility concerning resolving conflicts rests first with the strong Christian. We all remember the words to the lyric, "He Ain't Heavy He's My Brother."

How do we gain strength? Concerning, "I We then that are strong..." We grow strong by being in the Lord, trusting His power and might, having God's word abiding in us, and resisting the Devil. "10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." (Eph 6:10). "I Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." (2 Tim. 2:1). "...I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." (1 John 2:14b) "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18)

How do we help the weak? Since we "...ought to bear the infirmities of the weak..." We don't feel or act superior. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:22: "22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." Galatians 6:1 instructs us to be meek: "1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." Even spiritual

giants in God's faith chapter had to grow from weakness to strength in Hebrews 11:34 they: "34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." 1 Corinthians 12:22 instructs us to view the more feeble as necessary to the body of Christ: "22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary." In 1 Corinthians 12:23,24 God reminds us He placed each member in His body giving each person a place of honor we may not immediately understand or appreciate."

How do we hide self? We are instructed, "...not to please ourselves." Galatians 2:20 reminds us, "20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." 1 Corinthians 5:15 teaches us, "15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." 1 Corinthians 6:19,20 reminds us we belong to God: "19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Luke 10:27 teaches us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves. Living to pleasing self is not a Christian virtue! Pastor "B"

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## Obituaries



**William C. Reddie**

William Craig Reddie, 32, of Grayling, passed away Friday, February 3, 2012.

William was born in Alpena on October 17, 1979.

William was proud of being Cameron's father and deeply loved "His Boy". He loved fishing and looked forward to the day that he could teach his son how to fish.

He is survived by son, Cameron David LaChance, of Grayling; parents: Michelle and Charlie VanBuren of Barberville, Fla.; sister, Monica "Sissy" (Tom Dufore) VanBuren, of Las Vegas; step-brother, Jason (Tracy) VanBuren, of Whitmore Lake; many uncles, aunts and cousins.

Visitation will be held at the Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home in Grayling, Thursday, February 9, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a funeral service officiated by Pastor Robert Marshall following visitation at 3 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorenson-lockwood.com](http://www.sorenson-lockwood.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home P.O. Box 602, Grayling, MI 49738.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

### Nancy L. Kirby

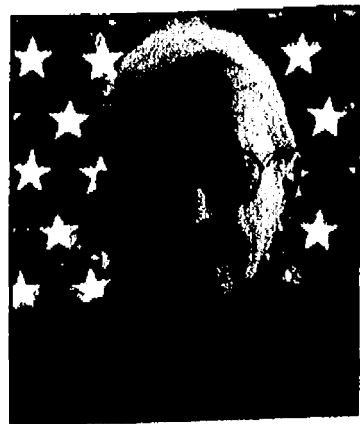
Nancy L. Kirby of Sarasota, born Dec. 25, 1936 in Grayling, entered into eternal life on Feb. 1, 2012.

Survivors includes three children: Steven Kirby, Linda Kirby of Sarasota, Fla., Martin Kirby and his wife, Velsy Mendez of Daytona Beach, Fla.; three grandchildren: Kathleen Kirby, Travis Kirby and Jean Claude Mendez; sister, Sue Carroll and her husband, Henry of Grayling.

Predeceased by husband, Robert L. Kirby; parents, Elgin and Ruby Benware; sister, Helen Workman and husband, William and "Charlie"-the black poodle.

Details regarding celebration of life to be announced at later date.

In lieu of flowers, family request a donation to your local hospice.



**Harold O. Glasslee**

Harold Otto Glasslee, CSM (Ret), 80, passed away on Monday, January 30, 2012.

He was born in Saginaw on July 13, 1931, the son of Otto and Mary (Mulville) Glasslee.

Harold served 39 years in the Armed Forces, serving with US Navy in the Korean Conflict and later with the United States Army Reserve, until his retirement as Battalion Command Sergeant Major for the 4th/38th Field Artillery.

He married Nancy (Roche) Steffes-Glasslee on September 22, 1984 and together they shared 27 years of marriage.

Harold was the owner/operator of Custom Interiors, specializing in ceramic tile settings. He was an avid golfer, spending much of his time "hitting the links."

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Glasslee; three step-children: Kelly (Michael) Foy, Donald (Dorothy) Steffes, Yvonne (James) Golnick, all of Grayling. He is also survived by four children: James (Connie) Glasslee, Richard (Sherri) Glasslee, Lisa (Wayne) McNeil and Jill (Adam) Brown, all of Saginaw; brother-in-law, Thomas Gnatkowski; along with many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Maxine.

A memorial luncheon was held on Friday, February 3, 2012, at the American Legion Hall in Grayling, in remembrance of Harold Glasslee.

Memorial donations are requested to be sent to the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, 1 Blue Dementia Ward, 3000 Monroe St., NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

Interment will be conducted with full military honors at a later date at Balcom Cemetery in Ionia.

### Jim L. McClain

Jim Larry McClain, 79, of Grayling, passed away on Monday, February 6, 2012.

Please call the Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home or go to [www.sorenson-lockwood.com](http://www.sorenson-lockwood.com) for arrangements. Full obituary will appear in next weeks Avalanche.



**E. Pauline Henion**

Ethyl Pauline Henion, 93, died peacefully at the home of her daughter in Maryland on February 1, 2012.

She was born in Sundance, Wyoming on April 29, 1918. She came to Michigan at age 7 with her family. She lived in Frederic from 1952 to 2001 when she moved to Maryland. She was citizen of the year in Frederic in 1978.

She was a registered nurse, working and teaching in both Gaylord and Grayling hospitals.

She was a devoted member of Frederic Baptist for 50 years, playing the piano with love and expertise. Many local residents continued to thank her for wedding and funeral music provided over the years.

She is survived by one sister, Vera Cronk of Charlotte; daughter, Patricia Touma of Maryland; son, David Henion of Frederic; seven grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by Paul Henion, her husband of 57 years, in 1998.

Visitation was held at the Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, Tuesday, February 7, 2012 between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Services will be at the First Baptist Church in Frederic Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 11 a.m.

Burial will take place at the Oakwood Cemetery in the spring.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorenson-lockwood.com](http://www.sorenson-lockwood.com). Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

### Jean B. Riemer

Jean Bloom Riemer, 93, of Roscommon, passed away at Mercy Manor in Grayling on January 29, 2012.

A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, at Messiah Lutheran Church, Roscommon, with Pastor Andrew Gookin officiating.

Arrangements made Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

### Sarah J. Cox

Sarah Jane Cox, 84, of Mount Pleasant and Frederic, passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2012.

Sarah was born in Rosebush, on May 14, 1927, a daughter of the late Lillian (Williams) and Eugene Dutton.

She was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Sarah married Wilson "Butch" Cox, Jr. on October 10, 1969 in Frederic.

She enjoyed traveling, cats and dogs, reading, arts and crafts, making quilts ("if you could wait"), playing piano and shopping.

She is survived by her husband, Butch of 42 years; daughter, Jolene Quinlan of Mt. Pleasant; son, Aaron (Tara) Cox Blaine of Frederic; grandchildren, Rhyannon and Michael Quinlan; sister, Rose Anderson, of East Lansing; brother, Wayne (Kathy) Dutton, of Freeland.

She was preceded in death by her siblings: Elmer, Arnold, Donna and Roy.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 10, 2012 between 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 11 a.m. Family requests that in lieu of flowers that a donation be made to organization of choice in Sara's memory.

Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic in the spring.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorenson-lockwood.com](http://www.sorenson-lockwood.com).

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

### Card of Thanks

The family of Harold Glasslee would like to thank everyone for all you have done for us. To the American Legion Post 106 for hosting the luncheon, setting up, serving and cleanup of the hall. To the Eagles Aerie 3465 Ladies Auxiliary for all of the food and desserts. To Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home for their speediness in printing the book and memorial cards for us. To all of the people who brought all of the wonderful food, and to all of our family and friends who took the time to come from near and far to spend a few hours with us and honor Harold's life, we thank you.

A final and special thank you to the Grayling Nursing Center, The Brook of Roscommon and the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, 1 Blue Dementia Ward, for the wonderful support and care given to Harold throughout his illness.

The family of  
Harold O. Glasslee

## Range Firing

There are no range activities scheduled at Camp Grayling for the period Feb. 16-22.

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Feb. 16-17 and 21-22.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice.



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Sunday Worship Services at 9:30am  
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### Calvary Baptist Church

Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett  
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Morning Worship: 10:30am  
Evening Worship: 6pm  
Wednesday: 7pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed): 7pm  
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### Resurrection Life Center

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[www.bearlakechristianchurch.org](http://www.bearlakechristianchurch.org)

**Mt. Hope Lutheran Church**  
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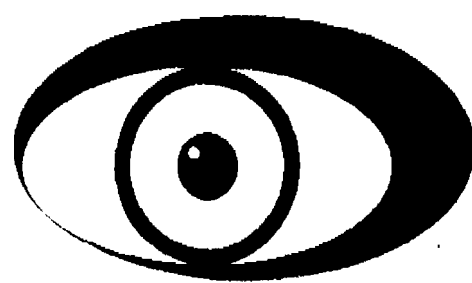


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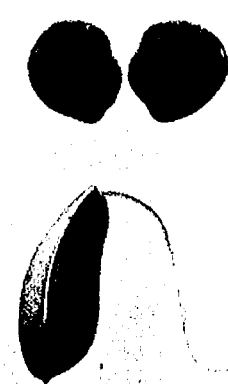






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## Forest Service announces decision on proposal to ban gun hunting, snowmobiling in areas of Huron-Manistee National Forests

The U.S. Forest Service has released the Record of Decision and the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement that addresses issues stemming from a lawsuit in federal court over gun hunting and snowmobiling in the Huron-Manistee National Forests.

In 2010, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit found that the Forest Service failed to comply with several of its own regulations and a federal statute during revision of the 2006 Land and Resource Management Plan for the Huron-Manistee National Forests. The issues revolved around the plaintiff's concerns that the agency favored gun hunters and snowmobile users over other people participating in quiet recreation activities.

On Jan. 27, the Regional Forester, Charles L. Myers, signed the Record of Decision for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) and Amendment 1 to the 2006 Forest Plan. In summary, the Regional Forester selected Alternative 4 (the Preferred Alternative) as the Selected Alternative.

Under the Selected Alternative, the Forest Service will:

- Continue to allow gun hunting in the previously designated Semiprimitive Nonmotorized and Primitive areas of the Huron-Manistee National Forests in accordance with regulations of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
- Continue to allow snowmobiling on designated trails within the Huron-Manistee National Forests.
- Change Management Area designation of 11 of the 13 previously designated Semiprimitive Nonmotorized Areas to Management Area 8.4 (Special Areas). The existing Standards and Guidelines for Management Area 6.1 (Semiprimitive Nonmotorized) would continue to apply to these 11 new 8.4 Special Area Management Areas as outlined in the Record of Decision.

• Change Management area designation of two previously designated Semiprimitive Nonmotorized Areas (Manistee River and Whitewater Creek) to Management Area 4.2 (Roaded Natural Sandy Plains and Hills). The areas will be managed under the Standards and Guidelines for Management Area 4.2.

Under the Selected Alternative, the Forest Service will:

- Retain the Management Area 5.1 (Wilderness) designation for the Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area.
- Recreation Opportunity Spectrum classifications for all of the 14 challenged areas will be changed to match their current condition, as described in the Record of Decision.

The specific rationale behind the Selected Alternative is fully explained in the Record of Decision. Appendix A of the Record of Decision shows how the Selected Alternative will change the 2006 Forest Plan.

The Record of Decision and associated documents are posted on the Huron-Manistee National Forests' website: [www.fs.usda.gov/hmnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/hmnf). The published documents will be available in March and mailed to all people who previously requested a copy. If you have not previously requested a copy, you may request a copy by calling the Forest Supervisor's Office at (231) 775-2421.

Once the documents have been released to the public, a Notice of Availability will be published in the Federal Register and the newspaper of record, which will begin a 45-day appeal period. The Forest Service will notify the public by news release and website posting when the Notice of Availability has been published.

For additional information regarding the Record of Decision or the FSEIS, contact the public affairs officer for the Huron-Manistee National Forests, Kenneth Arbogast, at (231) 775-5023, Ext. 8726, or [karbogast@fs.fed.us](mailto:karbogast@fs.fed.us).

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The Inland Seas Education Association (ISEA) has received a grant from the Herbert and Grace Dow Foundation of Midland to fund scholarship trips for 50 classes.

In addition to funding the program fees, the grant also helps defray the costs of transportation. These scholarships will be awarded to schools that otherwise could not afford to participate.

ISEA is dedicated to bringing hands-on scientific experience to students from the Great Lakes area. Students participate in science learning by collecting fish, water, plankton and sediment samples aboard the 77' schooner Inland Seas. Students analyze the samples with the assistance of experienced instructors.

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Interested educators may visit the ISEA website, [www.schoolship.org](http://www.schoolship.org) and complete the Schoolship Funding Application. It may be mailed to the ISEA office, 100 Dame Street, PO Box 218, Suttons Bay, MI 49686 or emailed to Emily Shaw, Education Coordinator at [eshaw@schoolship.org](mailto:eshaw@schoolship.org). For any questions or general inquiries please call the ISEA office at 231.271.3077.

Inland Seas Education Association is a non-profit organization based in Suttons Bay, dedicated to science education on the Great Lakes. Its shipboard and shore-side education programs are designed to inspire young people's interest in science and to provide for the long-term stewardship of the Great Lakes.

## All veterans should apply for health benefits

Year after year many veterans go without health benefits because they either don't think they qualify, or don't know how to apply.

Jason Allen, the senior deputy director of Michigan's Veterans Affairs Directorate, is encouraging all veterans to apply for benefits by filling out form 10-10EZ. "Your service to our country was invaluable; please use the benefits you have earned," Allen said.

Only about 18 percent of Michigan's veterans who are qualified are enrolled in this health benefits program.

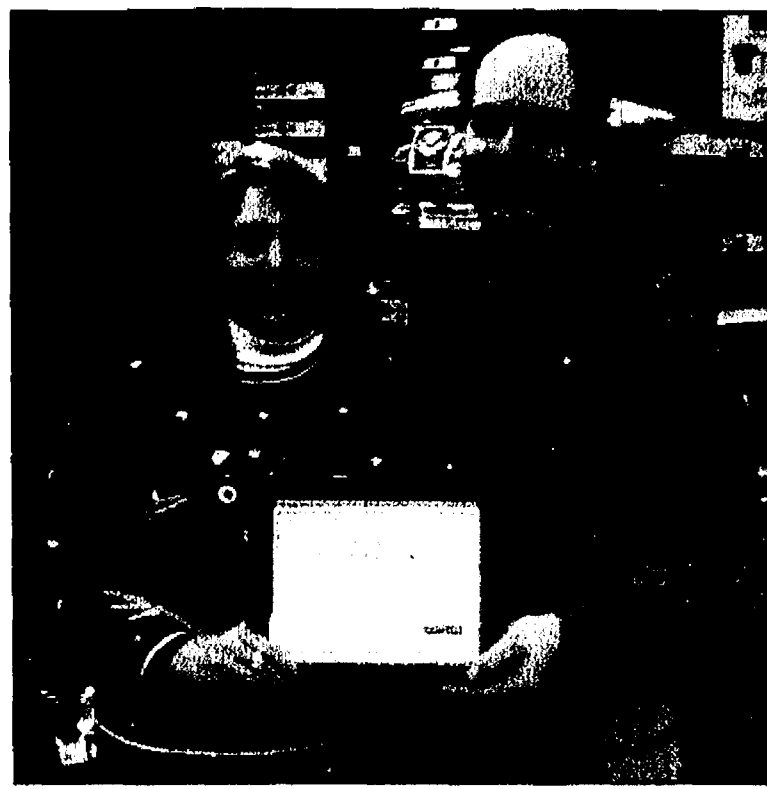
"This number could increase just by ensuring that veterans receive this information and know that there is a place they can go to receive assistance in

applying for health benefits," added Allen.

Applying for veteran health care has never been easier or more important and can be done by filling out form 10-10EZ. This user-friendly document can qualify veterans to receive medical services from the VA. This form can be found by going to <https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/> or by calling 1-877-222-VETS. A copy of your DD214 may be needed and you can contact (517) 335-1623 to receive a copy.

Visit the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/veterans> for more information on veteran benefits.

## Chamber Ambassador's Club spotlights Skip's Sport Shop



Skip's Sport Shop received the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award for January. Pictured above are owners Jack and Missy Millikin.

Skip's Sport Shop, located at 765 M-72 West, Grayling, was selected as the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member award recipient for January.

Skip's Sport Shop started in 1964 by "Skip" and Gail Madsen. In 1983, the current owner, Jack Millikin started working for Skip after school, and purchased the business from Skip in 1999 and now owns it with his wife Missy. Skip's has been family owned and

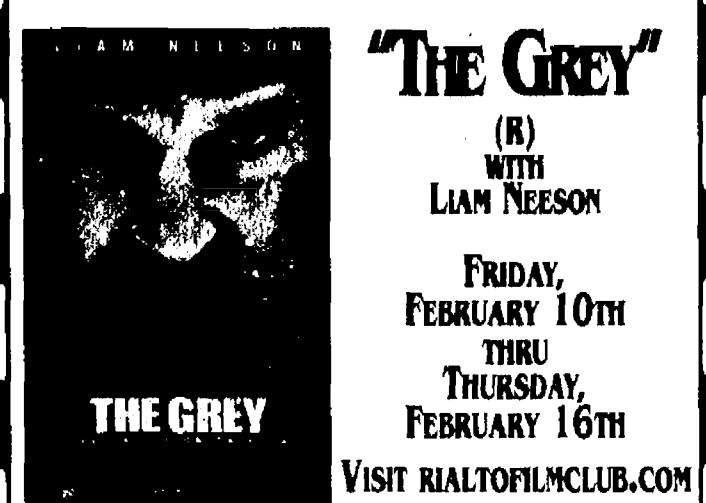
operated since the beginning.

Skip's Sport Shop carries hunting and fishing supplies — guns, ammo, archery, clothing, boots, kayaks and more. Sometimes they also have used kayaks for sale.

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They have three employees and have been a Chamber member since 1989.

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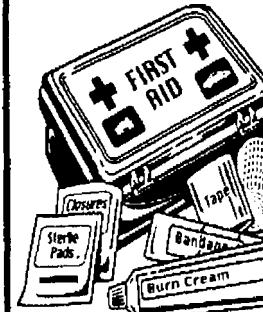


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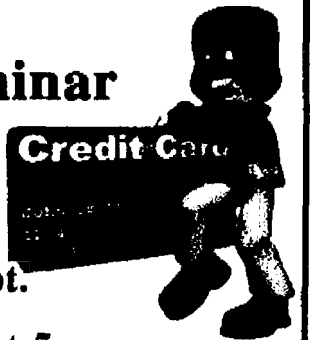
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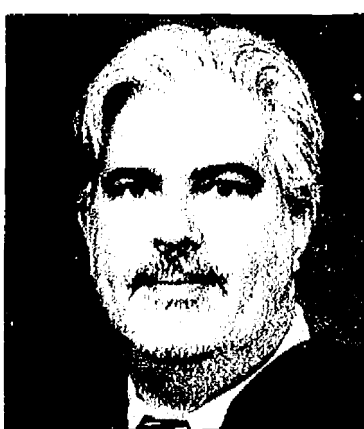
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## Eight shooters win at districts



Eight shooters from Grayling won their age divisions during the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship district tournament on Sunday, Jan. 29, at Gaylord: (front, L to R) Alainna Moffit (girls, age 9), Jasmine Denton (girls, age 10), Trenton Gabriel (boys, age 10); (middle, L to R) Trey Moffit (boys, age 11), Emma Prosser (girls, age 12); (back, L to R) Justin Nicholas (boys, age 12), Jake Hinkle (boys, age 14), Thomas Barnes (boys, age 13). Nicholas made 24 of 25 free throws at districts. Hinkle hit 23 of 25. T. Moffit was 20 of 25. A. Moffit and Denton tied for first in their divisions and won in shoot-outs.

## Honors



**Dr. Garrick Cvitkovich**

Dr. Garrick Cvitkovich was among 1,591 Initiates from around the world who became Fellows of the American College of Surgeons during convocation ceremonies at the

College's recent 97th annual clinical Congress in San Francisco.

Cvitkovich received a medical doctorate in 2000 from Indiana University and is currently practicing general surgery at Mercy Hospital Grayling as part of the Mercy Physician Network. In 2008, Dr. Cvitkovich attained board certification from the American Board of Surgery. Cvitkovich has a strong professional interest in laparoscopy, breast disease and hernia repair and holds membership in other profes-

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Griffin Dean, left, handles the ball for the Vikings on Friday night vs. Harbor Springs. Devon Dawson, center, dribbles toward the basket vs. the Rams. Zane Tobin, right, takes a three-point shot for Grayling during Friday's league contest against Harbor Springs.

## Four players reach double figures in 57-45 league win

Boys basketball team moves to 10-3 overall, 6-2 in LMC

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The GHS varsity boys basketball squad won by 12, 57-45, in a Lake Michigan Conference contest vs. the visiting Harbor Springs Rams on Friday night.

The Rams led 17-16 at the end of the first period. Grayling scored its 16 with two inside shots by Thomas Burrell, a drive by Riley

Zigila, a triple by Zane Tobin, and free throws from Burrell, Zigila, and Scott Parkinson.

Grayling outscored Harbor Springs 16-8 in the second quarter. The Vikings got their 16 with (in order) a put-back by Tobin, an inside shot by Steven Enos, a drive by Enos, two free throws from Enos, an inside shot by Burrell, an inside shot by

Enos, a jumper by Tyler McClanahan, and a put-back by Burrell.

GHS led 32-25 at halftime.

The Vikings added to their lead, outscoring the Rams 20-12 in the third quarter. Zigila, Tobin, and Burrell each had six points for Grayling in the period.

Neither team was able to do much offensively in the fourth quarter. The squads

combined for only 13 points (eight for Harbor Springs, five for Grayling). The Vikings did not shoot well from the free-throw line in the last eight minutes (1 for 10).

Grayling won by 12, 57-45.

"This game was a grind defensively. I thought we did a nice job of defending in the middle quarters of the game. Tom Burrell was

outstanding in the game. I was also pleased with the balanced scoring that we had in this contest," Coach Rich Moffit said.

Four players scored in double figures for the Vikings: Burrell, 16 points; Tobin, 13 points; Enos, 12 points; Zigila, 11 points.

Grayling (10-3 overall, 6-2 league) will host Kalkaska on Friday, Feb. 10.

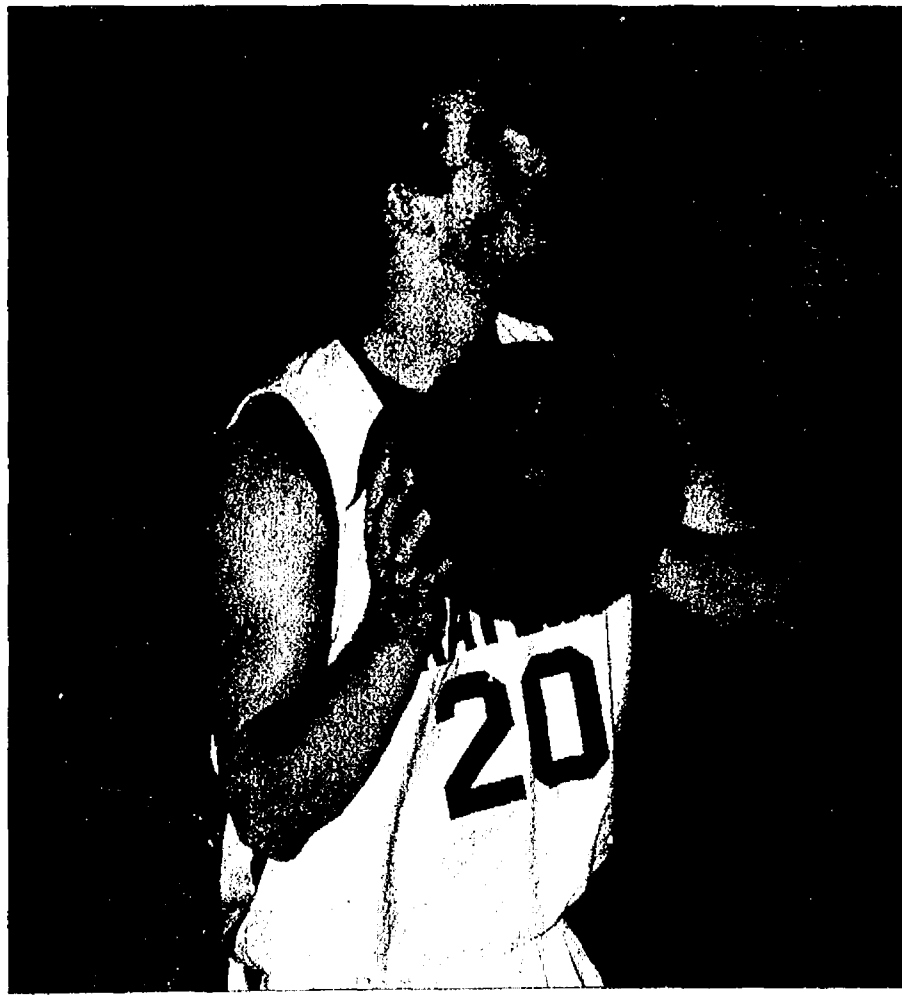
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#### Boys Basketball

St. Francis	7-0
Elk Rapids	6-1
GRAYLING	6-2
Boyer City	5-3
Charlevoix	4-4
Harbor Springs	2-6
East Jordan	1-7
Kalkaska	0-8

#### Last week's scores

Grayling 57, Harbor Springs 45  
Charlevoix 69, Boyer City 68  
Elk Rapids 67, East Jordan 44  
St. Francis 75, Kalkaska 28



Riley Zigila, left, looks for an open teammate during Tuesday's nonconference game against the Roscommon Bucks. Mason Krey, right, drives toward the basket vs. Roscommon.

## Vikings overwhelm Bucks 66-24

Grayling starts contest with 17-2 run, wins by 42

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling Vikings built a big lead early and won by 42 points, 66-24, vs. the Roscommon Bucks during a nonconference varsity boys basketball game played at Grayling High School on Tuesday night.

The Vikings started the game with a 17-2 run, scoring 15 unanswered points during a span of just 2:10 of clock time. In the last 3:20 of the first quarter, Grayling outscored Roscommon 10-0.

Zane Tobin had nine points,

including a three-pointer, for GHS in the first quarter. Scott Parkinson hit three shots for the Vikings in the first eight minutes. Riley Zigila, Jake Swander, Steven Enos, and Thomas Burrell also scored first quarter points for Grayling.

The Vikings led 27-7 after one quarter of play.

Roscommon scored the first five points of the second period. The Vikings outscored the Bucks 14-0 in the last 4:45 of the quarter. Enos scored seven of Grayling's 14 with a triple, a jumper, and a lay-up.

Parkinson scored five with two two-point baskets and one free throw. Burrell scored Grayling's other two points with an inside shot.

Grayling had a 41-12 advantage at halftime.

The Vikings outscored Roscommon 16-7 in the third quarter. Grayling scored its 16 with (in order) an inside shot by Tobin, a put-back by Tobin, an inside shot by Enos, a triple by Tobin, one free throw from Zigila, an inside shot by Devon Dawson, a jumper by Dawson, and a jump shot from Swander.

Grayling scored nine points

in the fourth period with a jumper by Swander, an inside shot by Louis Menard, a triple by Mason Krey, and an inside shot by Zach Schreiber.

The Vikings won 66-24.

Tobin had 16 points for the Vikings. Enos and Parkinson scored 11 points apiece.

"I was very pleased with our defensive play throughout the game. We did a nice job of defending in the half court set and running our transition break. We did an outstanding job of sharing the basketball. Good win for our team," Coach Rich Moffit said.

## Freshman team moves to 8-2 with two more victories

Vikings win home games vs. St. Francis, Harbor Springs

Grayling High School's 9th grade boys basketball team played in two home games last week (at the Grayling Middle School), defeating league opponents Harbor Springs and Traverse City St. Francis.

On Tuesday night, the Vikings defeated the visiting Gladiators of St. Francis 50-31.

Darin Nicholas had 13 points, five steals, and four rebounds for GHS. Carson Burmeister had 11 points and eight assists. Jake Hinkle scored 10 points. Mason Papendick had five points and four rebounds. Emmett Helsel had three points and six rebounds. Dylan Wyman had three points, four rebounds, and three steals.

"Our guard play lately has been pretty good. St. Francis could not match up with our guards. (Traverse City) has two bigs who are pretty good. Our bigs did a good job eliminating second chance opportunities," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Grayling won 45-22 vs. Harbor Springs on Friday.

The Vikings had 26 steals in the game.

Zane Pittman had 10 points and five rebounds. Helsel had nine points. Dallas Johnson had six points and six steals. D. Wyman had four points and Gunner Metzger had two points and two assists.

"This game was marked by the return of Zane Pittman, who led the team in scoring and rebounding. Zane has been out for just over a month with a broken arm; it was good to see him having fun again. Dallas Johnson, Gunner Metzger, and Tyler Wyman all played well, contributing on both ends of the floor. Dallas was 4 for 4 from the free-throw line and even ran point guard for the first time this season. He did a nice job running the offense even though he has never practiced at that position," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

The Vikings (8-2 overall, 7-0 league) will play at Boyer City on Friday, Feb. 17.

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Snowboarder Anthony Morse, left, jumps during Saturday's big air competition at Hanson Hills. Skier Kyle Trudgeon, right, flips upside down during one of his jumps at the event.

## 18 skiers, snowboarders compete in big air event

Skiers and snowboarders battled for trophies and prizes provided by a variety of sponsors during Saturday's big air competition, part of Grayling Recreation Authority's Winter Fun Days festival at Hanson Hills.

Eighteen competitors took part in this year's big air event. Each skier and snowboarder had three runs

and judges determined scores for each.

Results of the 2012 big air competition, courtesy of GRA, by division: (12-and-under snowboard) David Burr, 1st; Hunter Ventline, 2nd; (13-and-up snowboard) Ben Levin, 1st; Bronson Alejos, 2nd; Derek Huntoon, 3rd; Dallas Johnson, 4th; Anthony Morse, 5th; (12-and-under

ski) Josh Hetfield, 1st; Zane Hetfield, 2nd; Anthony Fisher, 3rd; Camden Summers, 4th; Cody Bokhart, 5th; (13-and-up ski) Kyle Trudgeon, 1st; AJ Brackenbury, 2nd; Cal Salisbury, 3rd; Carson Salisbury, 4th; Fred Fisher, 5th; Nathan Schipper, 6th.

This year's big air competition is part of the Cold Sweat Series, a group of five

events in which participants can accumulate points and win prizes at the conclusion.

Also, this year's big air competition featured a new addition: a 15-minute "jam session" after the main event. Jam session competitors took turns hitting the jumps and doing more stunts and tricks, and the ones with the best scores won more prizes.



Carson Salisbury, left, jumps off the ramp at Hanson Hills during the big air event. AJ Brackenbury, right, competes in the big air competition on Saturday.



Bronson Alejos, left, grabs the bottom of his board during a jump. Dallas Johnson, right, lands a jump on the ramp at Hanson Hills.

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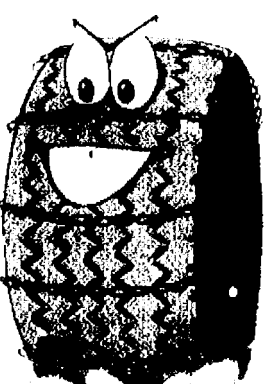
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\$25 gift certificates were given. A certificate from Dawson and Stevens went to Mandi Stahlbark, gift certificate from Wimpy's went to John Kreger, Hanson Hills gift certificate went to Scott Duthrie and the Commission on Aging's went to Toni Stephan. The 50/50 raffle was won by Brian Cheney.

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# Vikings unable to prevent late rally, fall 53-50 vs. Rams

Harbor Springs outscores Grayling 10-2 in final 2:10

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling Vikings led by as many as 11 points on Friday night, but the Harbor Springs Rams rallied late in the fourth quarter to win by three, 53-50, in a varsity girls basketball league game played at Grayling High School.

Grayling led 16-12 at the end of the first quarter.

The Vikings scored their first seven points with a three-point play by Caitlin Prosser, an inside shot by Hailey Whittaker, and a drive by Jo Hamlin. Grayling, trailing 9-7, scored nine unanswered points with an inside shot by Josie Swander, a put-back by Hamlin, an inside shot by Hamlin, one free throw from Maddie Benardo, and a lay-up by Alyssa Morley.

In the second quarter the Vikings led 30-19 at one point, their biggest advantage of the contest. Grayling scored 14 points in the period with (in order) a drive by

Morley, one free throw from Hamlin, an inside shot by Prosser, one free throw from Whittaker, a put-back by Prosser, an inside shot by Prosser, a drive by Cierra Prosser, and an inside shot by Jamie Denton.

Grayling led 30-23 at halftime.

The Vikings also led by seven going into the fourth quarter (39-32). Grayling scored its nine third period points on free throws by Cierra Prosser, Swander, and Hannah Haven, a drive by Hamlin, and an inside shot by Cierra Prosser.

Harbor Springs scored the first six points of the fourth quarter to pull within one, 39-38. Hamlin scored for GHS on a drive. Caitlin Prosser hit an inside shot. Harbor Springs scored. Hamlin hit a jump shot for the Vikings at the 3:32 mark, giving GHS a 45-40 advantage.

At the 2:12 mark Grayling still led by five, 48-43. Harbor Springs

scored the next three baskets to lead by one, 49-48. Grayling turned the ball over and fouled; the Rams hit both free throws, extending their lead to three, 51-48, with 26 seconds remaining.

Grayling scored two with a drive to the basket by Hamlin. The Vikings fouled and Harbor Springs converted both free throws to go back up by three. Grayling missed three shots in the final seconds and the Rams won by three, 53-50.

Hamlin had 15 points for Grayling. Caitlin Prosser scored 11 points.

"Our game with Harbor Springs was a very close game that was filled with spurts. In the first half, we shot the ball very well and had a lead going into half. During the third quarter we struggled to put the ball in the hoop as we only scored two baskets. Conversely, Harbor started to heat up and eliminated the lead. The fourth was very tight

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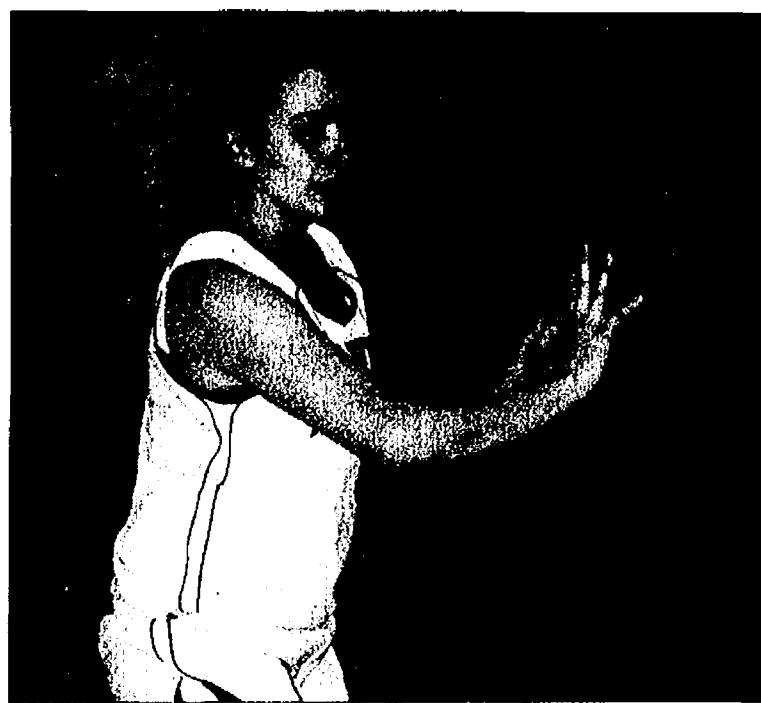
### Girls Basketball

St. Francis	8-0
Kalkaska	6-2
East Jordan	5-3
Elk Rapids	5-3
Harbor Springs	3-5
GRAYLING	2-6
Charlevoix	1-6
Boyne City	1-6

Last week's scores  
Harbor Springs 53, Grayling 50  
East Jordan 56, Elk Rapids 52  
St. Francis 56, Kalkaska 44


with the difference being from the free-throw line. Harbor got to the line a lot more than we did in the fourth and outscores us from the line by eight," Coach Joe Powers said. "It was an extremely entertaining game as both squads fought tough and fought to the end."

The Vikings (6-8 overall, 2-6 league) will host Kalkaska at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 10.



Hailey Whittaker, left, dribbles the ball for Grayling on Friday during the game vs. Harbor Springs. Jamie Denton, right, passes the ball to a teammate on Friday night.

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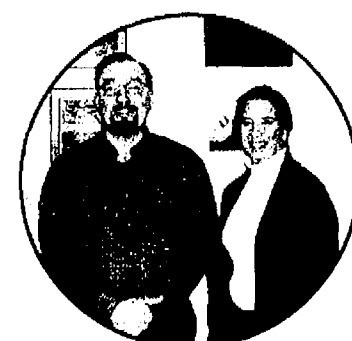
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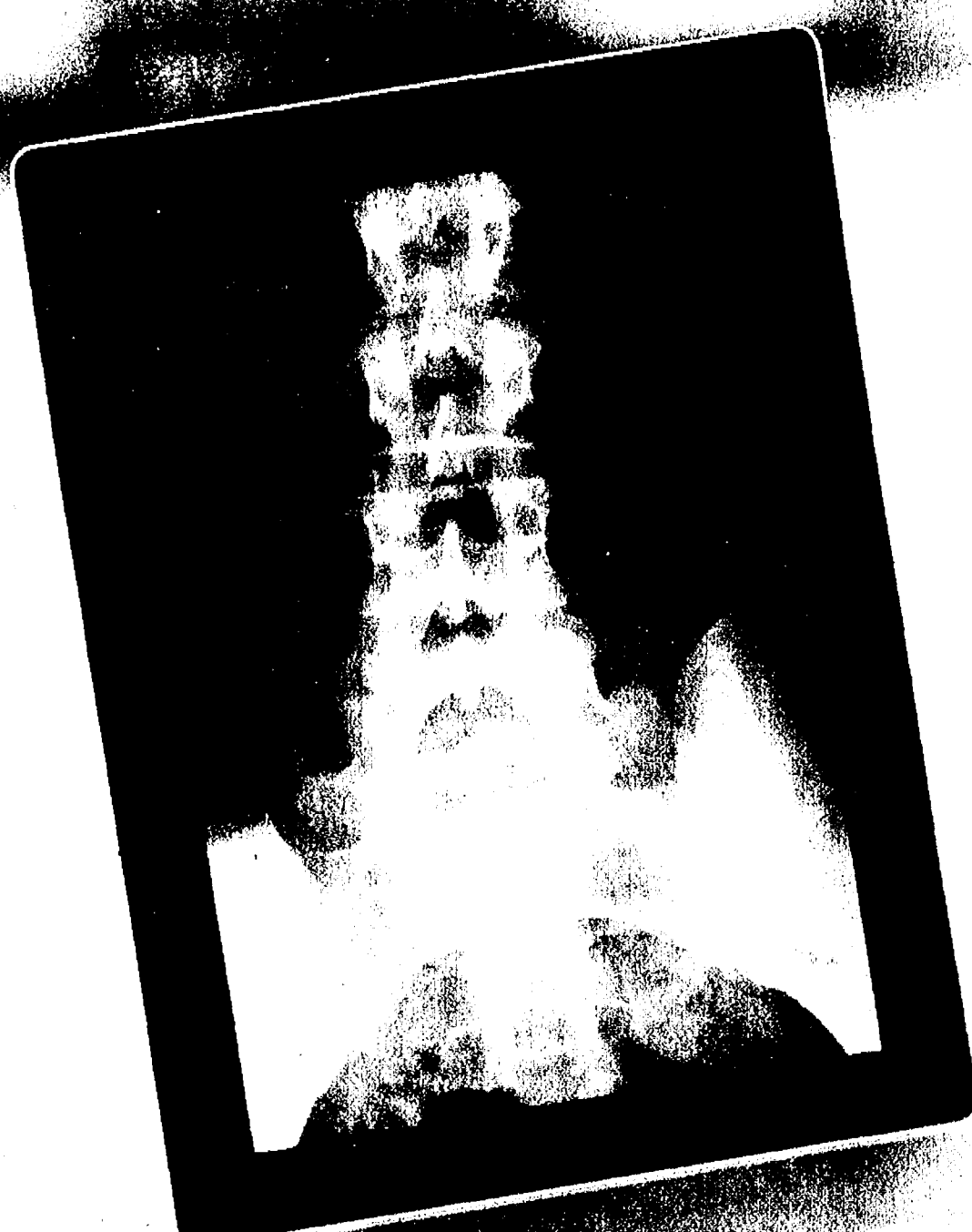
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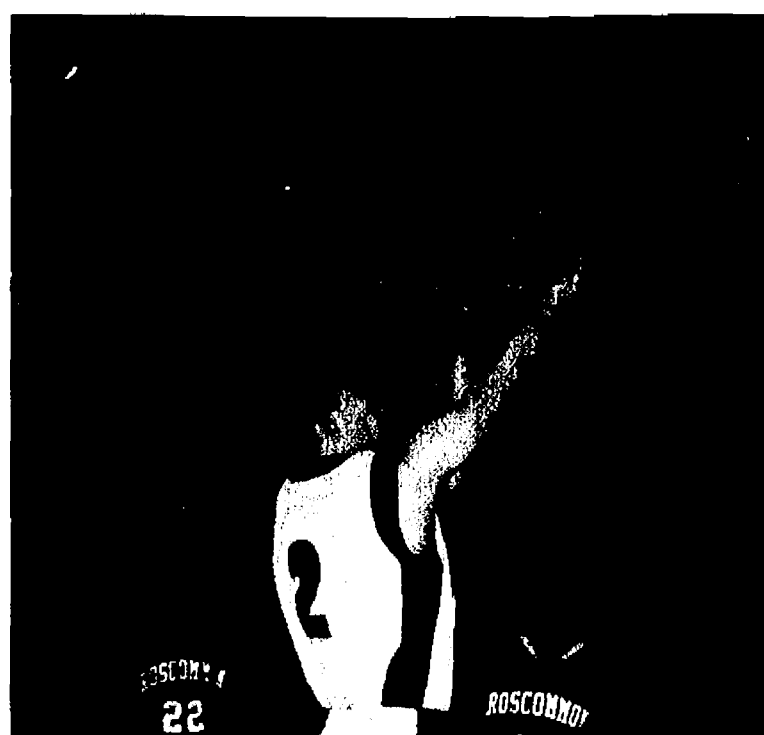
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Brandon Latusek, left, shoots the ball for the JV Vikings on Tuesday night. Matt Burrell, right, dribbles the ball during last week's game against the Bucks.

## JV team moves to 11-0 with 70-38 win vs. Bucks

by Caleb Casey  
 Senior Staff Writer

After a shaky start, Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball squad dominated the visiting Roscommon Bucks in the second half, outscoring them 36-12 in the last 16 minutes of regulation on Tuesday night. Grayling won by 32 points, 70-38, improving its season record to 11-0.

Roscommon led 9-6 early in the first quarter. In the last five minutes of the first

period, Grayling outscored the Bucks 13-5 and the Vikings led 19-14 going into the second quarter.

Scott Wakeley, Michael Branch, Geoff Wilson, Scout Tobin, and Justice Junttila scored points for the Vikings in the first period.

The Vikings scored 15 points in the second quarter with a lay-up by Wilson, a jump shot by Wilson, a drive by Matt Burrell, two inside shots by Branch, a three-pointer by Tobin, and a lay-up by Tobin.

Grayling led by eight, 34-26, at halftime.

The Vikings scored 22 points in the third period to Roscommon's eight. Grayling scored its 22 with (in order) a three-point play by Tyler Summers, a jumper by Wilson, a put-back by Peyton Zigila, an inside shot by Burrell, an inside shot by Zigila, a triple by Burrell, a jump shot by Burrell, an inside shot by Junttila, a lay-up by Burrell, and an inside shot by Mitchell Thompson.

GHS took a 56-34 advance

tage into the fourth period.

The Vikings outscored the Bucks 14-4 in the last eight minutes of the game. Grayling scored its 14 with an inside shot by Junttila, a lay-up by Tobin, a drive by Junttila, inside shots by Summers and Thompson, a put-back by Summers, and an inside shot by Richie Sanford.

The Vikings (11-0 overall, 6-0 league) will play at Kalkaska on Thursday, Feb. 9.

## JV girls win 37-34 at Harbor Springs

The GHS junior varsity girls basketball squad edged the Harbor Springs Rams 37-34 in a league game played at Harbor Springs on Thursday night.

Sam Denno had nine points, 14 rebounds, two steals, two assists, and one block. Makayla Cragg had nine points, eight rebounds, two steals, one assist, and

one block. Meagan Malm had five points and three steals. Maddie Nielson had eight rebounds and Rachel Money had four steals.

"The girls played their best overall game of the season; they played hard and they played smart throughout the whole game. We built a 26-18 halftime lead but got a little lax in the

fourth quarter and squeaked by with the win," Coach Brooke Knight said. "I was proud of the way the girls carried themselves tonight. We're trying to change our mindset here: It's the second half of the season and we now expect bigger and better things from ourselves. We expect to rebound the ball, to take care of the ball,

and to get good looks. We are trying to set the tone and play our game instead of having other teams set the tone and run against us. I'm hopeful for an exciting second half of the season."

The Vikings (2-11 overall, 2-5 league) will play at Kalkaska at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9.

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# GMS Girls Basketball

## 7th/8th grade

Grayling Middle School's 7th/8th grade girls basketball combo team had an early lead against Traverse City St. Elizabeth on Monday, but Traverse City outscored the Vikings 12-3 in the second and third quarters and St. Elizabeth, the visiting team, won 24-17.

Grayling had an 8-6 advantage at the end of the first quarter. Traverse City outscored GMS 8-0 in the second half to lead 14-8 at halftime. St. Elizabeth had an 18-11 advantage going into the fourth period.

The Vikings scored the first four points of the fourth quarter to pull within three, 18-15, but St. Elizabeth outscored Grayling 8-2

down the stretch to clinch the victory.

Brandi Conforti scored six points for GMS. Sierra Stout had four points. Kim Cook had three points. Shae-lin Kraycs and Chrissy Bonamie scored two points apiece.

Monday's contest was the season opener for the Vikings.

"I was really happy with the way the girls played. We came out scoring early, but lagged a little on defense in the second half," Coach Erin Krabill said. "I'm excited for the rest of the season with this group of girls. I think they will do well."

On Wednesday the combo team lost 23-21 in overtime at Elk Rapids.

"We lost, but we had great shot opportunities at the end. We just needed to come out and play harder in the first half," Coach Krabill said.

Bonamie had six points. Conforti had five points. Cook and Sierra Stout each had four points.

## 7th grade

The GMS 7th grade girls basketball squad lost 40-20 vs. a strong Traverse City St. Elizabeth team during its season opener on Monday night.

St. Elizabeth led 22-6 at halftime before winning by 20.

Emma Prosser scored 10 points for the Vikings. Molly Leslie scored six points. Jen Sheehan and

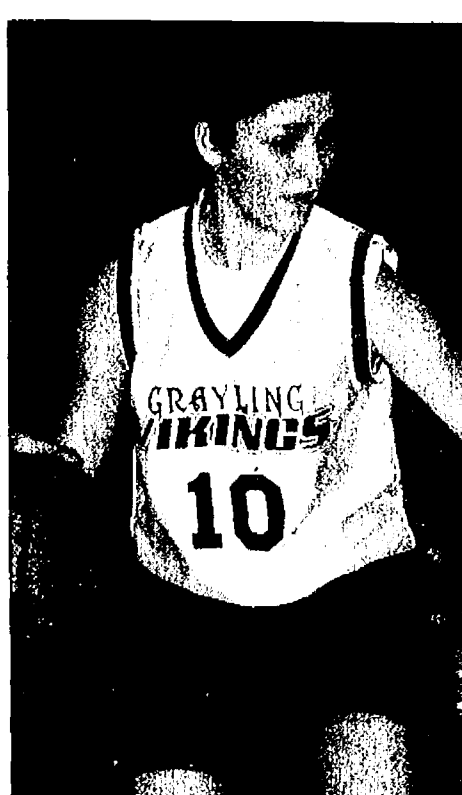
Erin Prosser each had two points.

## 8th grade

The Grayling Middle School 8th grade girls basketball team opened its 2012 season with a loss vs. Traverse City St. Elizabeth on Monday night in a contest played at GMS.

St. Elizabeth led 16-0 at the end of the first period. Grayling didn't score its first points until halfway through the second period. Traverse City led 22-4 at halftime and won by 24, 45-21.

Erica Umlor had eight points for GMS. Brittney Nielson had seven points. Tyler Helsel had five points. Jackie Bulmer had one point.



Chrissy Bonamie, left, handles the ball for the 7th/8th grade combo team on Monday. Riley Morley, center, shoots the ball for the 7th grade squad. Ashley Branch, right, dribbles the ball for the 8th grade team during last week's game vs. St. Elizabeth.

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SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEVE KISH and PEGGY KISH, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated July 18, 2007, and recorded on July 24, 2007, in Liber 687, on Page 817, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC SUCCESSION BY MERGER TO GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Two Cents (\$155,522.02), including interest at 6.750% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 22, 2012. Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: PARCEL "A-1" BEING A PART OF THE EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ON THE SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST, 229.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, 250.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST ON THE SECTION LINE, 229.8 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING. PARCEL "A-2" BEING A PART OF THE EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ON THE SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 1079.7 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST ON THE 1/8 LINE, 329.75 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST ON THE 1/8 LINE, 1079.8 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST, 329.79 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC SUCCESSION BY MERGER TO GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgage/Assignment Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 GMAC.006300 (01-19)(02-09) -19-26-2-9

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Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Land in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and described as:

A part of the South 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, commencing at the Northeast corner thereof and running thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes West on the North line thereof 743.5 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes West 160 feet; thence South 0 degrees 02 minutes East, 660.7 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes East, 160 feet; thence North 0 degrees 02 minutes West, 660.7 feet to the place of beginning. South Branch Township, Crawford County Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: January 19, 2012  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
File No. 650.2335  
(01-19)(02-09)

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February is  
National Children's  
Dental Health Month  
Healthy Smiles - Happy Kids

## Oral Health-Care Tips

(MS) -- Maintaining good dental hygiene goes beyond just brushing and flossing and visiting the dentist once a year. In order to keep your teeth, gums and mouth as healthy as possible, you have to develop an oral health-care routine and stick to it daily.

With the help of your dentist and these tips from Majestic Drug Co., Inc., a leading manufacturer of oral healthcare products, you will be well on your way to keeping your teeth healthy and in optimal condition for years to come.

1. Understand your own oral-health needs. Everyone's mouth is different. Talk to your dentist or dental hygienist about special conditions in your mouth and how your general health affects it.

2. Commit to a daily oral-health routine. Based on discussions with your dentist or dental hygienist, devise an effective oral-health routine that's easy to follow and specific to your situation.

3. Use fluoride. Everyone can benefit from fluoride mouth rinses or toothpastes. Fluoride strengthens developing teeth and helps prevent decay in children and adults. Toothpastes and mouthwashes are good sources of fluoride.

4. Brush and floss to remove plaque. Everyone should brush and floss at least once a day (preferably twice or after every meal) to help remove plaque, the bacteria that constantly forms on your teeth. If plaque isn't removed every day, it can combine with sugars to form acids that lead to tooth decay, gingivitis and other periodontal diseases.

5. Make other oral-care products part of your routine. For example, Dentool(TM) is a new, revolutionary 4-in-1 oral-care instrument that helps whiten teeth, increase tooth and gum health, remove plaque and tartar, and fight gingivitis. It consists of an explorer pick, scaling device, polishing cup and interdental brush. Available nationwide, the prod-

uct has easy-to-use removable ends that conveniently reverse to allow access to each of the four attachments.

6. Use water-irrigation devices. These appliances spray a high-pressure water stream to dislodge food particles from teeth and gums. They benefit people with braces or other types of orthodontics who need extra help in removing food from between their teeth.

7. Examine your mouth regularly. Even if you visit your dentist regularly, you are in the best position to notice changes in your mouth. Your dentist sees you only a few times a year, but you can examine your mouth weekly for changes such as swollen gums, chipped teeth, discolored teeth or sores or lesions on your gums, cheeks or tongue.

8. Visit the dental office regularly. You and your dentist should talk about the frequency of your visits. Some people need to visit their dentist more frequently than others.

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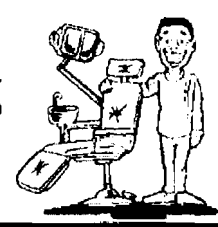
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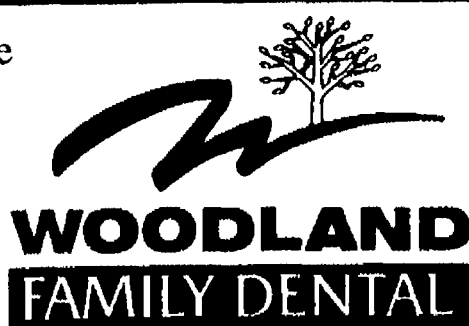
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- Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by WAYNE F. GRODE and CHERYL A. GRODE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 23, 2008, and recorded on July 9, 2008, in Liber 692, on Page 282, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$76,197.63), including interest at 6.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 7, 2012. Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: THE WEST 165 FEET OF THE EAST 495 FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 (248)539-7400 (02-02)(02-23) -2-9-16-23

### NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. RIGHTS PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205(a) This notice is published pursuant to MCL 600.3205(a) to inform Edward C. Robinson II and Barbara M. Robinson of certain rights under the statute relating to property located at 4923 E. N. Downriver Road, Grayling, MI 49738. The above borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The mortgage holder or servicer has designated Jonathan L. Engman, counsel for of Green Tree Servicing, LLC, (248)362-2600, c/o FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C., 888 W. Big Beaver, Ste. 800, Troy, MI 48064 as the person to contact regarding resolving your default. The borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan state housing development authority's website at <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda> or by calling the Michigan state housing development authority at 517-373-8370. If the borrower requests a meeting with the designated person above, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after the date notice is mailed to the borrower. If the borrower and the designated person above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the borrower abides by the terms of the agreement. The borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The state bar of Michigan's lawyer referral service number is 800-968-0738. Dated: 2/9/2012 FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for Green Tree Servicing LLC 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800 Troy, MI 48064 248-362-2600 GTNC RobinsonEd (02-09) -9

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The Mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage given by Keith Thorpe and Margaret Thorpe, husband and wife, whose address is 6530 E. County Road 612, Grayling, MI 49738, as Mortgagors, to National City Bank of the Midwest, now known as PNC Bank, National Association, of One Financial Parkway, Kalamazoo, MI 49009,

as Mortgagee, dated July 15, 2005, and recorded on July 19, 2005, in Liber 676, Page 351, Crawford County Records; and subsequently assigned to Land Holding, LLC, of 249 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2707, pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage dated November 18, 2011, and recorded on December 13, 2011, in Liber 707, Page 166, Crawford County Records (the "Mortgage"). The balance owing on the Mortgage is One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine and 26/100 Dollars (\$117,979.26) at the date of this notice. No suit or proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by the Mortgage.

Notice is given that on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., local time, or any adjourned date thereafter, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the applicable statutes, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the premises at public auction to the highest bidder in the Main Lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan (which is the building where the Circuit Court for Crawford County is held). The Mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest on the amount due at the rate of 5.0% per annum, all legal costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees allowed by law and also any amount paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The premises to be sold at the foreclosure is all of that real estate and improvements situated in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, described as:

Commencing at a point North 55 degrees East 121 feet from the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West for a Place of Beginning; thence North 14 degrees West 100 feet; thence North 54 degrees 14 minutes East 300 feet; thence South 13 degrees 19 minutes East 100 feet; thence South 55 degrees West 300 feet to the Place of Beginning; ALSO a parcel of land commencing 150 feet Northeasterly of the Bank of the North Branch of AuSable River in Section 19; thence in a Northeasterly direction 445 feet, being 66 feet in width and part of the abandoned Twin Lakes & Northeastern Railroad Right of Way.

Parcel ID No. 010-12-019-03-245-00

Commonly known as: 6530 E. County Road 612, Grayling, MI 49738.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCL 600.3278 the Mortgagors will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 2, 2012  
LAND HOLDING, LLC  
By: PLUNKETT COONEY  
Joseph M. Ammar (P41972)  
Attorneys for Land Holding, LLC  
950 Trade Centre Way, Suite 310  
Kalamazoo, MI 49002  
(269) 226-8845 -2-9-16-23-1

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by HARRY N. EBERLE as Mortgagor, to NORTH CENTRAL AREA CREDIT UNION as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated August 28, 2006, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on September 12, 2006, in Liber 683 at Page 88, and upon which Mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$36,382.23, no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at 10 a.m., at the front door of the Crawford County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 7.125 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

LOT 4, BLOCK 9, OF HADLEY'S AMENDED ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 01 OF PLATS, PAGE 08, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: December 27, 2011  
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
903 N. Jackson Street  
Bay City, MI 48708  
(989) 893-9511 -19-26-2-9

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Meric L. Morgan and Judy K. Morgan husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2007, and recorded on August 15, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 126, and assigned by said Mortgagee to OneWest Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Five and 15/100 Dollars (\$65,355.15), including interest at 1.12% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 7, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 33 feet East of the Northeast corner of Brinks Par, thence East 450 feet on the South 1/8 line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West for the point of beginning; thence East along said 1/8 line a distance of 159.5 feet to the intersection of said 1/8 line and the West boundary line of I-75 Highway, thence Southwesterly along said right of way to a point that is 200 feet due South of the said 1/8 line, thence due West and parallel to the 1/8 line a distance of 127.5 feet, thence due North 200 feet to the place of beginning. Being a part of the North 200 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, lying West of I-75 right of way. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: February 2, 2012 For more information, please call: FCF (248) 593-1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #384270F02 (01-19)(02-09) -19-26-2-9

2525 File #384884F01 (02-02)(02-23) -2-9-16-23

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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1486 W. Intermediate Lake Dr., Central Lake, MI.  
Plaintiff's attorney  
John H. McKaig, II, P24701  
103 E. State Street, PO Box 330  
Mancelona, MI. 49659-0330  
v  
Defendant  
PETER C. WEBSTER  
3427 WOODLAND AVE.  
ROYAL OAK, MI 48073  
TO: PETER C. WEBSTER  
IT IS ORDERED:  
1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to recover possession, after Land Contract forfeiture. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 12, 2012. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.  
2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Crawford County Avalanche three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.  
3. Crawford County Sheriff's Dept. and/or process server shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse, and at electrical pole located on vacant property as described in the Complaint and for one week.

1486 W. Intermediate Lake Dr., Central Lake, MI.  
Plaintiff's attorney  
John H. McKaig, II, P24701  
103 E. State Street, PO Box 330  
Mancelona, MI. 49659-0330  
v  
Defendant  
PETER C. WEBSTER  
3427 WOODLAND AVE.  
ROYAL OAK, MI 48073  
TO: PETER C. WEBSTER

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IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to recover possession, after Land Contract forfeiture. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 12, 2012. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.  
2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Crawford County Avalanche three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.  
3. Crawford County Sheriff's Dept. and/or process server shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse, and at electrical pole located on vacant property as described in the Complaint and for one week.

and shall file proof of posting in this court.

4. A copy of this order shall be sent to PETER C. WEBSTER at the last-known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.  
Date 1/23/12  
Judge MONTE J. BURMEISTER  
P48732 -2-9-16

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The decedent, Kathryn Sutton, 7852 S. Grayling Road, Grayling, MI 49738 and 5848 Brigham Road, Goodrich, MI 48446, died November 16, 2011. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Sharon K. Hartman, Trustee, 7852 S. Grayling Road, Grayling, MI 49738, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Sharon K. Hartman, Co-Trustee  
7852 S. Grayling Rd.  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989 275-9800

### Public Notice

Frederic Township Board will be rescheduling their regular board meeting to Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7 pm. Frederic Township Board will be hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed Parcel Division Ordinance. To review the proposed ordinance please see Zoning Administrator Doug Pratt Monday - Thursday from 9-2pm. The meeting will be held at the Frederic Township Hall at 6470 Manistee Street in Frederic.

**Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org) eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.**

**Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds**

### Notice Lovells Township Board of Review

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet for its organizational meeting at the Lovells Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 497738 on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Wednesday, March 14, 2012 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Thursday, March 15, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Taxpayers may protest by mail or fax (989-348-6437), provided that protest letter is received prior to the close of the last public meeting on March 15, 2012 at 4:00 PM.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township:

Classification	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Commercial	49.04	1.00000
Residential	49.61	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Opening Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Lovells Township will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services to disabled taxpayers with seven (7) days notice to the Township at (989) 348-9215 or at the above address.

Cynthia Infante, Lovells Township Clerk  
Gary Neumann, Lovell Township Supervisor

### SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP Public Hearings Zoning Ordinance Amendments & Special Use Permit

The South Branch Township Planning Commission will hold two consecutive public hearings on **Wednesday, February 29, 2012** in the South Branch Township Office at 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon. The first public hearing at 6:30 pm is to receive comment on proposed zoning amendment to amend Articles 2, 3, 5, and 9 of the South Branch Township Zoning Ordinance. The second hearing at 7:00 p.m. is to receive comment on a Special Use Permit application for an amendment of the Forest Dunes Planned Unit Development.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearings and comment. The draft amendment and additional information is available on-line at the South Branch Township website ([www.southbranchtownship.com](http://www.southbranchtownship.com)). Additionally, hard copies can be viewed at the South Branch Township offices (hour: M-F, 9-12) for additional information, contact Phil Verdui, Zoning Administrator at (989) 275-8232. Written comments may be submitted in advance of the public hearing to: Phil Verdui, ZA, South Branch Township, P.O. Box 606, Roscommon, MI 48653.

Chris Jones, Chairman  
Planning Commission



# Features

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## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



**February 9, 1989 - The Grayling Winter Carnival Polar Bear Plunge** took place in the AuSable River at the city park. Pictured above - Bud Ostrowski says the water is warm, come on in. The temperature was nine degrees with a bitter wind to add to the chill.

**23 Years Ago**  
**February 9, 1989**

It was cold enough for a winter carnival last weekend but a lack of snow cancelled several events for the 64th Annual Grayling Winter Sports Carnival. Icy conditions at Hanson Hills closed the park to downhill skiing for the weekend. The downhill canoe race, furniture race, inner tube races and downhill ski races scheduled for Sunday were cancelled. In the snow volleyball tournament, the Avalanche team of Chris Schwartz, Piper Ostrowski, Becky Brown, Tim Zigala, Todd Hull and Toni Williams won first

place and the "Spike Hanson" trophy. In the canoe races, Nancy and Don Brooks won the parent-child division. Shannon Oda and Tim Hohl won the mixed division and Eric Swander and Tom Brooks won the open division.

Crawford County Residents living along the west side of West M-72 are experiencing the bittersweet reality of advanced technology. Several subcontractors for AT&T have been cutting trees, digging trenches, and burying duct work in preparation for the placement of fiber optic long distance cable.

Grayling Township business has been conducted in the new township hall, located at 6539 W. M-72, since the township completed their move on Jan. 4.

The Grayling Matmen set a new GHS record on Feb. 4 when the team qualified 10 wrestlers for the individual Regional Tournaments. First place winners were Jason Wright and Brian Kernstock. Second place went to Terry Sorenson, John Gay and Rusty Argue. Third place went to Chad Broeker, Frank Wildfong and Denny Springer and fourth place went to Andy Moore and Todd Thorsen.

**46 Years Ago**  
**February 10, 1966**

On Feb. 2, the Grayling Ski Team traveled to Sheridan Valley for a triangular meet with Gaylord and Atlanta. The Grayling girls managed to edge the Gaylord girls by 4/10 second to win first place.

Building permits in January were issued to Clarence Holcomb for a storage building and mill in Section 5, T26, R3.

Mrs. Harvey Rowland completed a Central Michigan University extension course in visual aids given at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City for postgraduate credits.

**69 Years Ago**  
**February 11, 1943**

Last Friday on the local court, Grayling's Green Wave added another to their string of victories when they outscored a scrappy Houghton Lake team 25 - 10.

We understand that Bill Powell says he has been here many years but last Sunday was the first time they came anywhere near to becoming snowed in. It was actually necessary to burrow through snow in order to get to and from their home, which is on the shore of Lake Margrethe.

When Mrs. Floyd McClain who resides at Lake Margrethe wanted to visit her neighbor, Mrs. William Powell on Sunday, she first was obliged to shovel snow for one hour before reaching the Powell home. By that time the snow pile was much above the heads of the two ladies. These are certainly pioneer days as far as snow is concerned this winter.

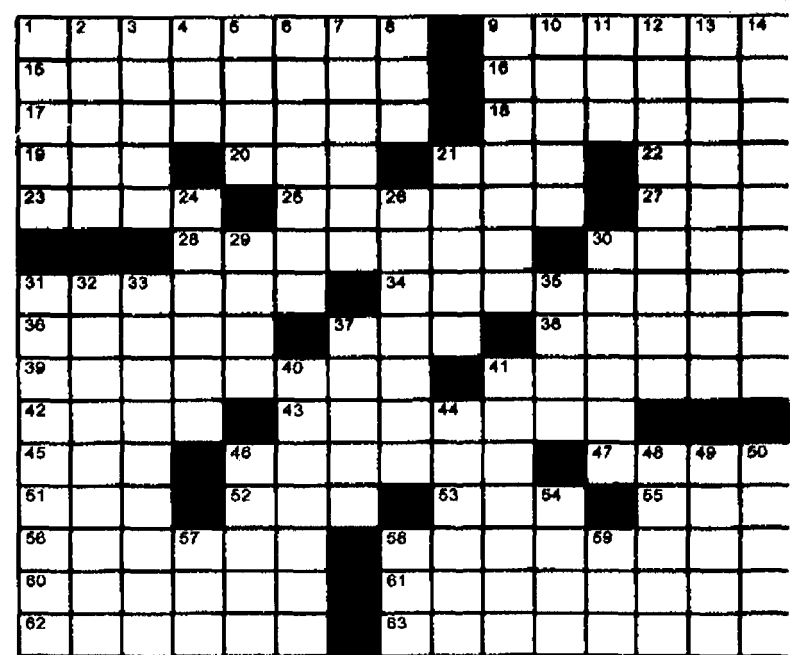
**92 Years Ago**  
**February 12, 1920**

The health officer submitted a long list of homes where influenza and gripe are reported in quarantine.

Tony Nelson is assisting at the Simpson Co. Grocery, owing to the absence of Mr. Simpson who is ill at his home with influenza.

Miss Matilda Cook is home from Bliss Business College which has been closed due to influenza.

## CROSSWORD



### Across

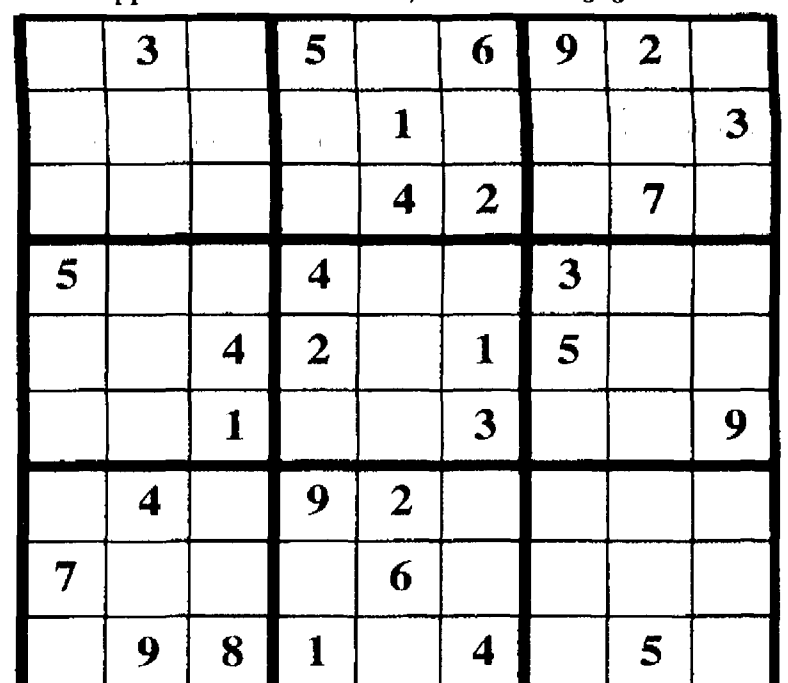
1. Apprehension about what is going to happen
9. Coin
15. Drive off
16. Heathens
17. Intact
18. Swallow
19. ... it on thick
20. "Malcolm X" director
21. Atlanta-based station (acronym)
22. Blackguard
23. Be a snitch
25. Pre-Christian priests among the Celts
27. Bank offering, for short (acronym)
28. Like a brigadier general (2 wds)
30. Brio
31. Henry Clay, for one
34. Meeting at a certain time and place, esp. lovers
36. Very, to Verdi
37. Grassland
38. Christmas wish
39. Not now (2 wds)
41. Went bad
42. Egyptian fertility goddess
43. Try to forget
45. Engage in passive activities, often with "out"
46. Put things in order (2 wds)
47. Declines
51. Egg cells
52. Driver's lic. and others
53. "Acid" (acronym)
55. "Fantasy Island" prop
56. Second shot
58. By no means (3 wd)
60. One who runs away to get married
61. Club restriction? (2 wds)
62. Beat
63. Mountain range between France and Spain

### Down

1. Ste. Marie
2. Arm bones
3. Woman prophet
4. The "p" in m.p.g.
5. Carbon compound
6. More rude
7. Directs
8. Dusk, to Donne
9. Dry by centrifugal forces
10. Imitates a hot dog
11. ... roll
12. Small tropical wormlike amphibian
13. Financial protection for property
14. Alienated
21. Beauty pageant wear
24. Numbers games
26. Altogether
29. "High" time
30. Forever, poetically
31. Plant and animal eaters
32. New Deal president
33. Crocodile relative
35. Cowboy boot attachment
37. Advances
40. Those who show the way
41. Bartender
44. Laudatory speech for one who has died
46. Kiddies
48. Hold responsible
49. Contradict
50. Sedimentary materials
54. "Over" follower in the first line of "The Caissons Go Rolling Along"
57. "Tarzan" extra
58. 40 winks
59. Bolivian export

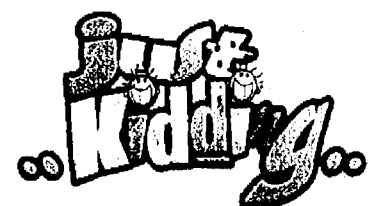
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RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



(PUZZLE #F2 Hard, Difficulty Rating 0.67)

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



# HOROSCOPES

Week of February 5, 2012



December 22 - January 19

Beliefs are challenged left and right. Steer clear of the debate, Capricorn, unless you're prepared to stake a claim and back it up. A deadline is extended.



March 21 - April 19

Whoa, Aries. Don't you have enough on your plate? Do you really think you can take on another task and complete it to satisfaction?



June 22 - July 22

Your skill set sharpens with some sorely needed training. Your finances perk up with some tweaking of the budget. Way to go, Cancer!



September 23 - October 23

Give a little, Libra, and that noose around your neck will loosen significantly. The drama plays out at home, and you have that special someone to thank.



January 20 - February 18

Adventure beckons. Don't back down. Aquarius. A change in venue poses new challenges. Creative solutions are at hand. A new do inspires a new wardrobe.



April 20 - May 20

Time to shift gears, Taurus. What works for you doesn't work for another and you must look for an alternative solution. It isn't far from hand.



July 23 - August 22

A young friend urges you to go green. Before you dismiss the idea, Leo, consider the impact it will have on your bottom line. A few pennies saved now will make for a big surplus later.



October 23 - November 21

Rats, Scorpio. Your idea pans. Not to worry. You'll have a better one next time. The race begins to complete a home improvement project.



February 19 - March 20

Look out world! Here Pisces comes. There is nothing you can't accomplish this week. Take advantage of every opportunity to add to your repertoire.



May 21 - June 21

The call to volunteer is strong. Break out of your shell, Gemini, and go for it. A road of activities will entail, and your light will shine brighter and brighter at each turn.



August 23 - September 22

Forget it, Virgo. You went to that well one too many times. A trusted friend stomps into territory they shouldn't - let them know gingerly.



November 22 - December 21

The furtive comes to an end, as a major project wraps up. Take everyone out to celebrate, Sagittarius. A change in guard gives you reason to be hopeful.

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## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### NUTTY BANANA PANCAKES

#### Ingredients:

1-1/2 cups creamy rice hot cereal, uncooked  
1-1/2 cups flour  
6 Tbsp. sugar  
2 Tbsp. Baking Powder  
3 eggs

3 cups fat-free milk  
6 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted  
3 ripe medium bananas, mashed  
1/2 cup chopped Walnuts

#### Directions:

COMBINE cereal, flour, sugar and baking powder in large bowl; set aside.

BEAT eggs, milk and butter in medium bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Add bananas; mix well. Add to dry ingredients; stir just until moistened. (Batter will be slightly lumpy.) Let stand 10 min.; stir in walnuts.

HEAT lightly greased electric griddle to 350°F or skillet on medium-high heat. Pour scant 1/4 cup batter onto griddle for each pancake. Cook until bubbles form on tops; turn over to brown other sides.

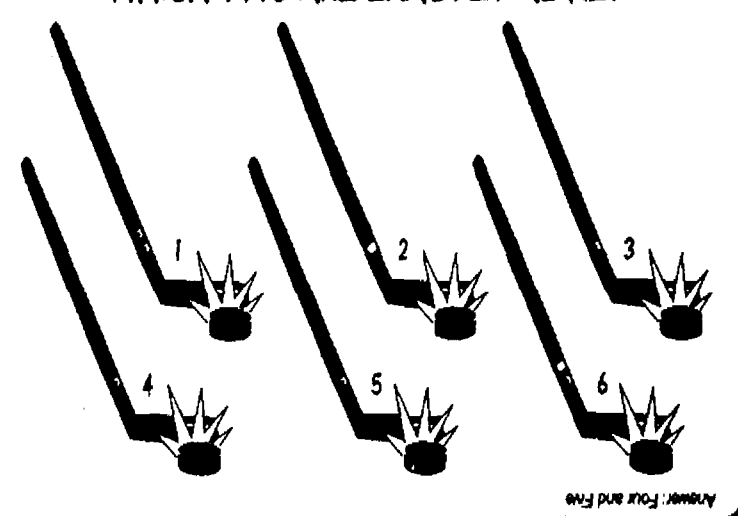
#### Special Extra

Serve topped with sliced mango, papaya or strawberries.

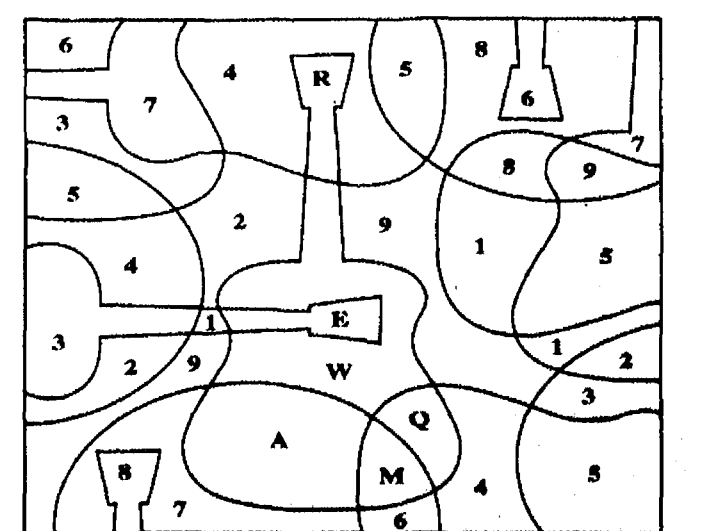
Prep Time: 15 min  
Total Time: 40 min  
Makes: 15 servings

## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



## HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain Inches
01/30	23	10	0.12
01/31	50	19	0
02/01	35	30	0
02/02	36	30	0
02/03	35	14	0
02/04	41	14	0
02/05	35	28	0

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 35	High 19	High 25	High 28	High 36	High 37
Low 18	Low 15	Low 18	Low 22	Low 23	Low 25
Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	Scattered Snow Showers

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**HOUSE FOR SALE** 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-2/8/10/11)

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## Rentals

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## 1. Real Estate

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 RIVER COUNTY REAL ESTATE  
**Pete Kocenas**  
 989-344-1800  
 www.Century21Grayling.com



## 2. For Rent

**NEWER 3 BEDROOM** 2 bath home with fireplace and 2 car detached garage \$700 per month with one month security. No indoor pets. Located in Beaver Creek Township near 4 Mile Rd. exit. 989-915-9563. (-2-9/2)

**MONTHLY HOME RENTALS** near Grayling, Houghton Lake, Roscommon and Higgins Lake. 2 and 3 bedroom. Higgins North Property Services, 989-821-3434. (-1/13/11/1/2)

**2 BEDROOM HOME** located in the Grayling/Lovells area. Large heated pole barn with plenty of storage, located in private association. \$600 per month plus deposit. No pets/non-smoking. 989-390-7315. (-2-9/2)

**3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH** home 1150 sq. ft., washer/dryer, \$600 plus utilities, references and deposit. No smoking, no pets, call 989-348-8627. (-12/29/11/1/2)

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Check out all the area listings at: [www.NorthernListings.com](http://www.NorthernListings.com)

## 2. For Rent

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## 3. Employment

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## 3. Employment

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## 3. Employment

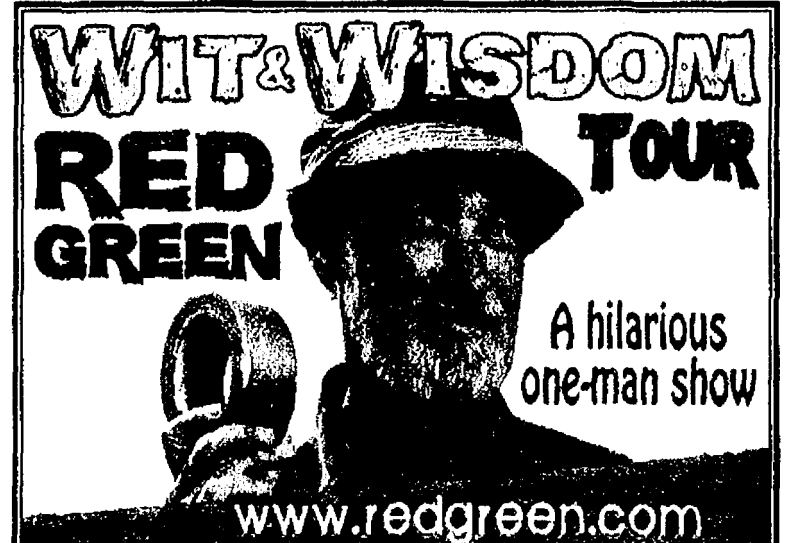
## 3. Employment

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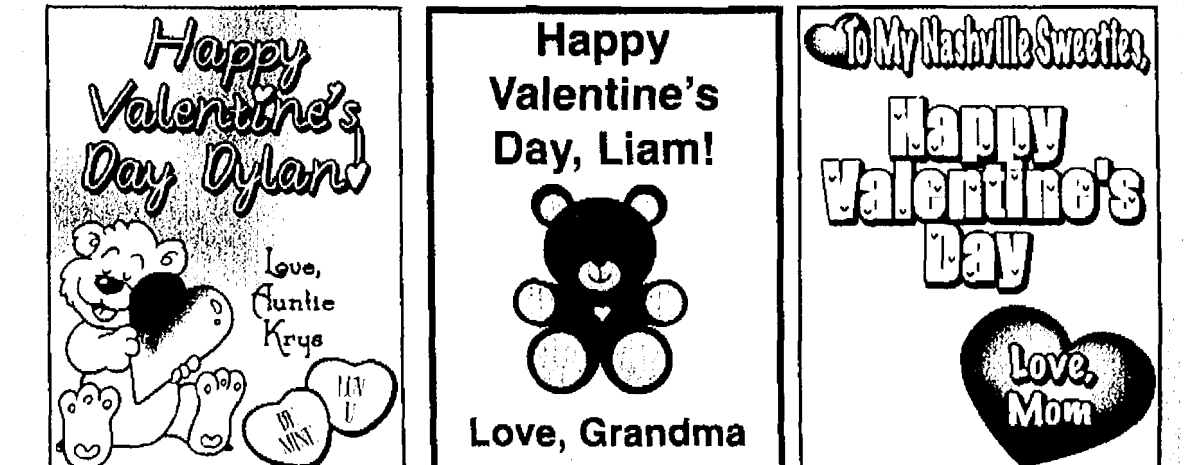
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# Wrestling team finishes 2nd in league

## Five Vikings win individual conference championships

Grayling High School's wrestling team ended its 2012 league season with the Lake Michigan Conference championship tournament on Saturday, finishing in second place as a group and winning five individual league titles. Kalkaska hosted the tournament.

Individual placements for Grayling on Saturday: 112 Erin Messerschmidt 3rd; 119 Cody Elmy 1st (three time conference champion); 125 Ghayge Toomey 1st (two time conference champion); 130 Zack Cheney 2nd; 135 Danny Schultz 4th; 152 Brandon Handrich 1st; 171 Ty Jensen 1st (two time conference champion); 189 Jeff Myers 2nd; 215 Ryan Randall 1st; 285 (heavyweight) Zach Joseph 4th.

Traverse City St. Francis took first in the LMC. Grayling was second and Elk Rapids was third.

"This is the best we've wrestled against St. Francis

this year," Coach Andy Moore said. "In the finals Ryan Randall defeated a (Traverse City St. Francis) wrestler that he lost to earlier in the season. Zack Cheney lost in the last seconds of his finals match to a (Traverse City St. Francis) wrestler. Cody Elmy dominated his second different (Traverse City St. Francis) wrestler in the finals. Ghayge wrestled his most inspiring tournament of the year. He fought off his back for most of the second period and came back in the third period to defeat his (Traverse City St. Francis) opponent. Both Brandon and Ty dominated their weight classes."

"I am very pleased with the outcome of this tournament and it looks like we are ready for a great postseason," Coach Moore said.

The Vikings were host team districts at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9.

## AuSable Wrestling Association

AuSable Wrestling Association (ages 6-13) team members won 12 medals at Evart and 13 medals at Sault Ste. Marie this past weekend.

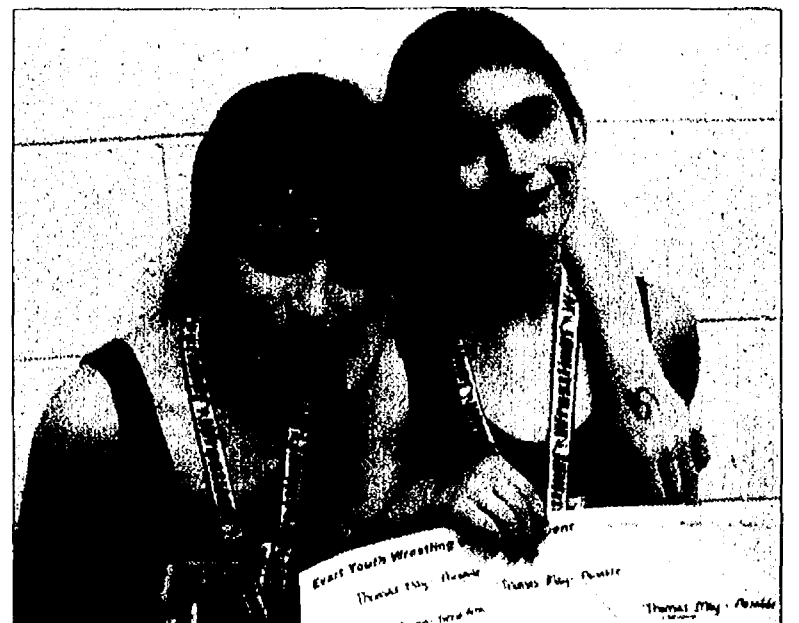
"The Ausable Wrestling Association traveled from Evart for a tournament on Saturday all the way up to Sault Ste. Marie for a tournament on Sunday. These young wrestlers have continually shown their dedication to the sport. It is just amazing to see how much they all have grown in their talents since the beginning of the season. The commitment by the families to travel and support their wrestlers every weekend is very commendable. The organization wouldn't be what it is today without this support," a team official said.

At Evart, 12 of the AWA's 13 participants won medals: 1st - Michael Phipps (age 13/14, 138 pounds), Logan Joseph (9/10, 110 pounds), Thomas May (9/10, 67 pounds); 2nd - Cole Dickie

(6, 46 pounds), Justin Jamison (9/10, 67 pounds), Parker Dole (9/10, 90 pounds), Dakotah Mansfield (13/14, 120 pounds); 3rd - Camara Peterson (6, 43 pounds), Cameron Peterson (8, 61 pounds), Joseph Armstrong (9, 51 pounds), Andrew Hopkins (11, 70 pounds); 4th - Spencer Kent (14, 130 pounds).

Thirteen of 14 AWA wrestlers placed at Sault Ste. Marie: 1st - Logan Malonen (age 6, 61-64 weight class); Drew Moore (6, 43-46), Cameron Peterson (8, 64), Bennette Mansfield (8, 77), Justin Jamison (9, 71-75), Andrew Hopkins (11, 70-75 class), Dakotah Mansfield (13, 122); 2nd - Cole Dickie (6, 46-49), Camara Peterson (6, 37-40), Thomas May (9, 59-63), Joseph Armstrong (9, 51), Max Halstead (10, 110-130), Michael Phipps (13, 130-138).

The AWA will compete in a tournament at the Grayling Middle School on Saturday, Feb. 11.



AWA teammates Thomas May and Justin Jamison faced each other for first place during a tournament at Evart on Saturday. "This was one of the hardest fought matches we have seen. The true team spirit showed at the end," a team official said.

## Grayling Youth Wrestling Club

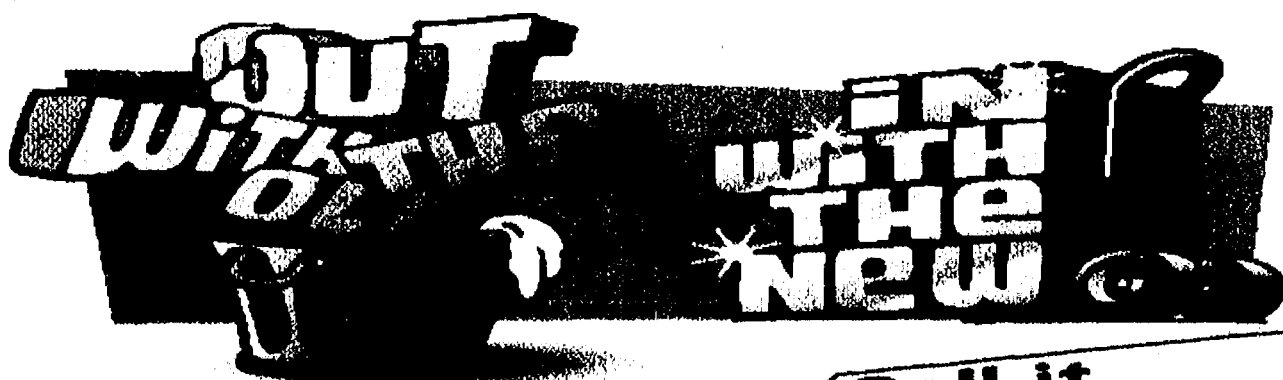
The Grayling Youth Wrestling Club (GYWC) competed in a tournament at Evart on Saturday, placing 19 of its 23 participants at the event.

Placements for the GYWC: 1st - Ethan Dannenberg, Zach Duncan, Gavin Dannenberg, Kaden Brigham, Alex Ferrigan, James Castillo, Nick Petrie; 2nd - Colton Laskowski, Tim Burr, Gabe Castle, Joe Castillo; 3rd - Eli Bindshatel, Reece Ferrigan, Devin Joseph, Austin Robison, Kejuan Conley; 4th - Killian Reilly, Shane

McCleave, Logan Duval.  
"The wrestlers continue to grow and show improvement. This is attributed to their hard work and the great coaching staff we have," Coach Larry Duval said. "Coaches for the (Grayling Youth Wrestling Club) are Joe Ferrigan Sr., Joe Ferrigan Jr., Mike Joseph, Joe Dannenberg, Brad Duncan, Dave Burr, Brandon Castle, and myself. The GYWC is lucky to have such a fine coaching staff."

The GYWC will compete in a meet at Grayling Middle School on Saturday, Feb. 11.

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**Ski teams place 5th of 14  
after great start, rough finish**

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams both placed fifth during a 14-team meet - the Manistee Invitational, held at Crystal Mountain - on Monday.

The girls took fifth out of 13 squads. The Vikings posted a strong giant slalom finish - they took second place in the event - but they had several DNFs in the slalom competition.

Elle Smith finished fourth out of 68 racers in the giant slalom event. Randi Lemaster took 11th and Emily Wingard placed 12th. Alex Boudaux was 19th. In the slalom event, Rachel Jensen had Grayling's best finish at 23rd (of 67).

The boys were more consistent, posting a score of 90 in giant slalom and a score of 103 in slalom. Grayling finished fifth out of 14 teams, one point behind the fourth place squad and 1.5 points ahead of the sixth place team.

Aaron Kiessel placed 16th in giant slalom. Curtis Wilson was 17th. Jordan Bulmer took 27th and Luke Petrosky was 30th.

Wilson took 14th in the slalom event. John Hilbrecht finished 17th. Bulmer was 23rd.

"Both teams had a great morning. The girls were second and the boys third out of the 14-team field. In the afternoon disaster hit as the kids fell all over the hill. Due to

their success in the morning both teams hung on for fifth place finishes. Still very good finishes, but we need to do better," Coach Tim Gariglio said.

"The teams have really been a surprise this year. No one expected them to perform the way they have. After losing three senior girls last season these girls have really stepped up. All of them continue to work hard and work together as a team," Coach Gariglio said. "The boys are very young and are going to be together for the next two to three years."

The ski teams placed second (girls) and fourth (boys) during a league meet at Crystal Mountain last Thursday.

The girls finished third in giant slalom and third in slalom. Wingard took 11th in slalom and Smith finished 12th. Jensen was 17th in slalom and Boudaux was 19th. Lemaster took 22nd. Placements for Grayling in GS included: Wingard, 8th; Smith, 12th; Lemaster, 14th; Jensen, 21st; Boudaux, 22nd.

The boys took fourth in both events. Individual placements: Wilson, 6th in GS, 11th in slalom; Bulmer, 16th in slalom; Petrosky, 19th in GS; Nick Swierz, 20th and 21st; Hilbrecht, 19th in slalom, 21st in GS.

**Bowling Leagues****Senior League**

Flowers By Josie . . . 70 - 18  
Dana Transport . . . 56 - 32  
Sylvester's . . . 45.5 - 42.5  
Gaylord Electric . . . 44 - 44  
Bear's Den Pizza . . . 40 - 48  
Legion Lanes . . . 38 - 50  
Lone Pine . . . 32 - 56  
Spike's . . . 28.5 - 59.5  
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 568; M. Rysso, 476; C. Clark, 469.  
High Game Women: H. Stairs, 209; M. Rysso, 184; D. Hollis, 174.  
High Series Men: D. Henning, 631; D. Canfield, 507; J. Campbell, 504.  
High Game Men: D. Henning, 234; B. Hollis, 196; D. Canfield, 187.

**Recreation League**

Days Inn . . . 23.5 - 8.5  
Grayling Nursing . . . 9.5 - 12.5  
Worm Guts . . . 17 - 15  
Robin Smith CPA . . . 15 - 17  
Snap Fitness . . . 14 - 18  
Mercy Manor . . . 14 - 18  
Legion . . . 12.5 - 19.5  
Glen's Market . . . 12.5 - 19.5  
High Series: P. Younglove, 497; S. Harney, 460. High Game: P. Younglove, 185; P. Petrosky, 179;

S. Johnson, 168.

**Thursday Morning Coffee**

Thanks "A Latte" . . . 21 - 7  
Bowling Buds . . . 17 - 11  
Snow Tops . . . 16 - 12  
Fearless . . . 15 - 13  
Ladybugs . . . 10 - 15  
High Series Women: D. Hollis, 452; J. Leask, 448; C. Osborne, 417. High Game Women: J. Leask, 201; D. Hollis, 163; C. Osborne, 160. High Series Men: D. Canfield, 656; R. Leask, 524; D. Henning, 507. High Game Men: D. Canfield, 247; D. Henning, 235; R. Leask, 201.

**Friday Mixed Doubles**

American Legion . . . 31 - 11  
Don Nester . . . 28 - 14  
L & L Hauling . . . 26 - 16  
Hot Dam Players . . . 24 - 18  
Dodi's Karaoke . . . 24 - 18  
G & B Rentals . . . 20 - 22  
AJD . . . 8 - 34  
High Series Women: L. Holtcamp, 476; B. MacKinnon, 432; P. Younglove, 431. High Game Women: L. Holtcamp, 168; B. MacKinnon, 162; C. Osborne, 160. High Series Men: G. Mastroeni,

653; B. Hollis, 618; D. Yelinek, 596. High Game Men: D. Yelinek, 247; B. Hollis, 237; G. Mastroeni, 225.

**Pioneer League**

Tim's Collision . . . 20 - 8  
Pink Ladies . . . 19.5 - 8.5  
Legion . . . 18 - 10  
5 B's . . . 16 - 12  
Ole Dam . . . 13 - 15  
Bosco Babes . . . 11 - 17  
T.C. Lawncare . . . 10.5 - 17.5  
High Series: S. Johnson and M. Kroell, 542; C. Seymour, 478. High Game: S. Johnson, 222; M. Kroell, 184; P. Benardo, 182.

**American Men's League**

North Country . . . 35 - 14  
Grayling Restaurant 29 - 20  
Thayer's . . . 29 - 20  
Man Cave . . . 26 - 23  
Grayling Chiro . . . 25 - 24  
AJD . . . 20 - 29  
Joels Team . . . 17 - 32  
Legion Lanes . . . 15 - 34  
High Series: J. Thayer, 655; T. Sowinski, 652; D. Rye, 645. High Game: T. Sowinski, 266; D. Rye, 256; J. Thayer, 228.

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